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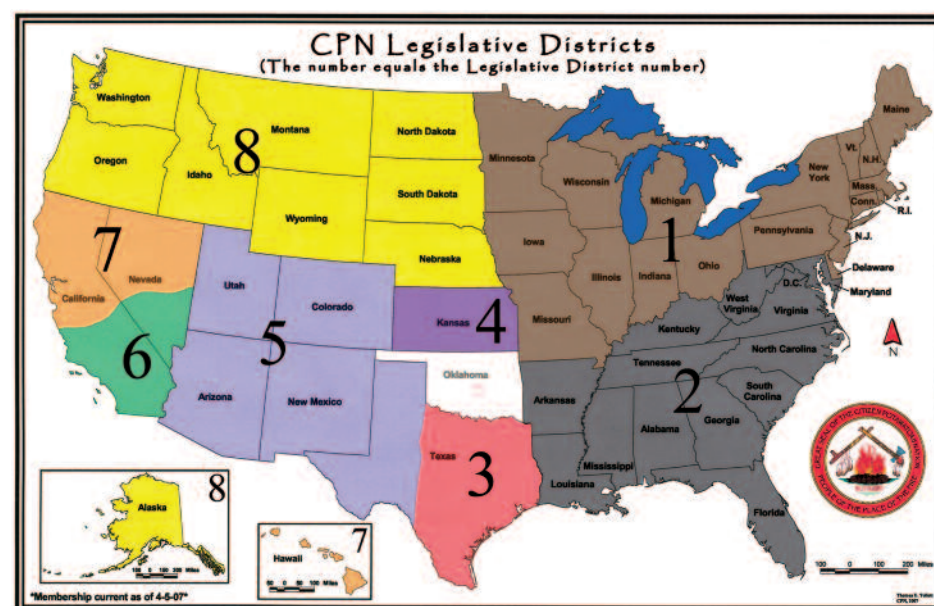
## Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Legislative posts on 2010 ballot

# Candidate Filing period arrives

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will fill two executive committee posts and three legislative posts in 2010 elections, along with voting on retention of the Nation's District and Supreme Court judges and justices. The filing period for the Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and Legislative District Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 closes at the end of the business day on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Filing for these offices is done only by mail, specifically the United States Postal Service. Candidates must mail completed filing forms, the \$150.00 filing fee, and supporting documents to: CPN Election Committee, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. Again, the Election Committee must receive the completed filing form and fee no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Incumbents in all six of the Executive Committee/Legislative races plan to seek re-election. They are Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Dist. #5 Rep. Gene Lambert, Dist. #6 Rep. Ron Goyer, Dist. #7, Rep. Thom Finks, and Dist. #8 Rep. Dave Carney. (Filing forms for Vice Chairman,



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will hold elections for legislator in District Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 in 2010. Candidates must file by mail no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Secretary-Treasurer, and Legislator are located on pages 25-27 in this *HowNiKan*.)

Candidates for Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer must be at least 35 years old no later than June 26, 2010, and they must have lived with Oklahoma for at

least six months by that date. Candidates for Legislator must be at least 18 years old by June 26, 2010 and must have lived in the district they would represent for at least six months prior to the election.

On eligibility to file for Vice Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer, the Nation's election code says, "A person is eligible to be a candidate for an Executive Office if: Thirty-five (35) years of age or older; A member of the Tribe, and Physically residing within the State of Oklahoma for a period of not less than six months. A person is not qualified for an elected office if: Ever convicted of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty while holding an elected tribal office, Ever found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Nation or misconduct in elect-

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# Walking On

**Timmy R. "Tim" Jordan**



Timmy R. "Tim" Jordan, 46 year-old, lifelong Saint Louis resident passed from

this life Saturday, September 26, 2009 in Saint Louis, Oklahoma. Tim and his twin brother, Jimmy "Jim" Jordan, were born May 26, 1963 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to parents Ray Otis Jordan and Eva (Rhodd) Jordan.

Tim attended Saint Louis Elementary School until eighth grade, and then went on to graduate from Maud High School in 1982. Following graduation, Tim worked in the oilfield for several different oil companies, including Saint Louis Well Service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa, Oklahoma.

Tim will be remembered for his love of family, his contagious laughter, and his warm smile.

Survivors include his mother, Eva (Rhodd) Jordan of Saint Louis, Oklahoma; one son, Jimmy Ray Jordan of the home; two daughters, Sarah Jordan and Railey Jordan, both of Mounds, Oklahoma; one brother, Donnie Jordan of Saint Louis, Oklahoma; one sister, Dorothy Jean "Jeannie" Jordan of Maud, Oklahoma; and a host of other dear family and friends.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, Ray Jordan, who died in 1978, and his twin brother, Jimmy "Jim" Jordan, who died tragically in an automobile accident in

1979.

A wake service was held 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Konawa, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 2, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa, Oklahoma. Father Adrian Vorderlandwehr, O.S.B. officiated the service. Interment followed at Collins Cemetery in Saint Louis, Oklahoma.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Konawa, Oklahoma. Messages of condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.SwearingenFuneralHome.com](http://www.SwearingenFuneralHome.com).

**Karen J. Lunsford**

Karen J. Lunsford, 68, walked on on August 10, 2009. She was born September 10, 1940, the daughter of Juanita Deweese and Clinton Bonney.



Her parents, her husband Frank Lunsford, and her son Weldon Parton precede her in death. She is survived by her children, Milton Blackburn, Jr. and his wife Dana and April Whaley and her husband Weldon; her three grandchildren, Morgan, Brandon, and Trey; her extended family, Gary, Carol, Jan, Ruth, Wonda, and Linda; their families; and her many friends.

Karen was loved by all those that knew her and brought much joy to their lives.

A memorial service was held at Jones Assembly of God Church, in Jones, Oklahoma on Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m.

**Robert 'Bob' Schrepfer**

Robert 'Bob' Schrepfer passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2009. he was the beloved husband of Virginia Delaney Schrepfer for 62 years. Additionally, he was the father of Christopher Schrepfer of



Houston, Texas, Jane Sanders, whose husband is Dr. Stephen Sanders, of Jasper, Alabama, Joseph Schrepfer, whose wife is Betty Patton, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Mary Schrepfer of Alpharetta, Georgia.

He was the grandfather of Phillip Sanders of Canton, Georgia, Dr. Jennifer Sanders of Charleston, South Carolina, and Erin Schrepfer of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He was the great-grandfather of Will Sanders of Canton, Georgia. His siblings were Dr. Rosemary Schrepfer of Olathe, Kansas, Judy Ferguson of Kansas City, Kansas, and Waldo Schrepfer of Longhorne, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schrepfer was also survived by 11 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Schrepfer was a U.S. Army Veteran. He graduated from the University of Kansas. He was 85 years old, a native of Wichita, Kansas, and a resident of Algiers, Louisiana.

Relatives and friends of the family attended a Memorial Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 3101 Eton St., Algiers, LA on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. The family received guests at the church from 10:30 AM until funeral time. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, the family requested prayers.

**Diana Kay Wolf**

Diana Kay Wolf, 62, born August 24, 1946 in Spokane, Washington, passed

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away on July 20, 2009 in Pasadena, Texas with her loving family at her side.

Diana was preceded in death by her father, Johnny Brooks, and her brother, Mike Brooks. Diana is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Joe Bob Wolf, and by her sons, Toby Wolf and Jason Wolf and his wife Mandy; her grandson, Cassidy Sims; her mother, Betty Brooks; her sisters, Paula Perkins, Connie Lambertie and her husband Ralph, Melinda Lund and her husband Brad, Nita Griffith and her husband Don, and Trina Munsell and her husband Mike. Also left to mourn Diana's passing are many other family members and a host of loving friends. The community might remember Diana best as the face of Dr. Greenspan and Dr. Segal and Pasadena Eye Associates for 25 years.

Visitation was on Wednesday evening, July 22, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rosewood Funeral Home at 3939 Pasadena Blvd. in Pasadena. Services were held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Rosewood Funeral Home. Father Sebastian Rama of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church officiated. Interment followed at Grandview Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to M.D. Anderson Hospital or the American Cancer Society. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.rosewood.cc](http://www.rosewood.cc).

#### **Susan P. Stamps**

In Loving Memory of Susan P. Stamps. Susan passed away early on Sunday morning, September 16, 2007. She is survived by her loving daughters, Michelle Gerbo and Anita King; sisters, Linda Harris and



Debbie Jarosz; and brother, Michael Toupin.

Susan had been a Truckee, California resident since November 1999. She had been a born-again Christian for 34 years and had dedicated her life to evangelism, street ministry, and her family.

Susan's family held a Celebration of Life for her on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Hampton Inn, 11951 State Highway 267, Truckee, from 2 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund was set up in Susan's name to help offset the cost of her sudden departure. The family would like to thank everyone for their generous prayers and support in the difficult time surrounding her departure.

#### **Betty Lou LeClair Hernandez**



Betty Lou LeClair Hernandez, 69, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 2:17 p.m. surrounded by her fami-

ly and friends at her home in Dallas, Texas. Betty was born in Concho, Oklahoma on December 1, 1939, the daughter of John and Gertrude LeClair, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Hernandez; sister, Marie Wilson; brothers, John LeClair and William "Bill" LeClair; and two grandchildren, Richard "Mekko" Hernandez and Andrea Suzanne Hernandez.

She is survived by her sisters, Jo Ann Coplen, Celeste Hamilton, and Joyce LeClair; her brothers, Ed LeClair and Frank LeClair; her sons, Jack M. Hernandez Sr., Dennis L. Hernandez and his wife Clairssa, Richard A. Hernandez, Michael G. Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez and his wife Linda, and Vincent L. Hernandez; her 12 grandchildren, Jack Jr., Leon, Jeffrey, Sara, Nina, Denise, Johnny Jr., Angel, Johnny "Manuel," Daniel, Stevie Ray, and Joseph; her 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty was a woman who never turned away anyone in need of a place to stay. She would help others even when she didn't have much for herself.

#### **The Broken Chain**

"Little knew that morning that God would call your name. In life, we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day you were called home.

You left us lots of memories; your love is still our guide. And, though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But, as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again."

## **Health Aid Foundation News**

Hello again,

It is the end of the fiscal year, and the totals are in. Our program is growing every year. This year, we had 298 new applicants - a step up from the 275 we had last year. Our file cabinets are bursting at the seams, evidence of how many tribal members are being helped by the Nation.

This year, there were 1,752 applications approved. That is 312 more than the number approved last year. The largest number of devices applied for were eyeglasses, contacts, and crowns. The smallest numbers are mobile chairs and lift chairs.

The total amount of Health Aid Foundation awards for this year was \$477,592.72. Can you believe that, almost one-half million dollars of tax-free money for the tribal members whose applications were approved.

The Health Aid Foundation does try to assist every tribal member who requests help. However, we do have guidelines to follow. This includes things that are not covered such as exams, x-rays, root canals, fillings, medication, dental onlays, cleanings, medical procedures, etc.

If you have a question about something you aren't sure about, please call Joyce Abel or me. We will be happy to help you.

There is also the eligibility guideline that states you must be born by December 31, 1971 or be 1/8 Citizen Potawatomi by blood degree. If you were born after 1971 and want to check on your blood degree, please call Tribal Rolls. HAF does not have access to those records.

There is a one-year deadline. We cannot assist with any device with a date of service more than a year old, and HAF only pays on a device once.

Remember, if you have reached your annual maximum benefit of \$750.00, you can apply for assistance the following year, as long as the date of service isn't more than a year old. The Health Aid Foundation year is from January to December. That is different from the CPN fiscal year, October 1-September 30.

Joyce has been out of the office for the past few months. She received a new hip in August. She returned to work on October 13. She is feeling much better and ready to go. My only hope is that I will be able to keep up with her.

*Amber Brewer*

## **San Remo's Restaurant**

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# CPN Library Musings

## Who's Your Daddy (or Mommy)?

by *Nswemakek*

The biggest obstacle to finding your Potawatomi or French ancestor might very well be use of a so-called 'dit' or 'dits' name, often in French Canada.

Then, there was the tribal member who, upon being introduced as a member of the A\*\*\* family, retorted, "I'm not an A \*\*\*, I'm a M\*\*\*\*."

Weeeelll, maybe he is, and maybe he isn't! It depends on which WHITE European MALE he wants to claim descent from, keeping in mind that the male ancestor married a Potawatomi woman who descended from a POTAWATOMI mother and father. If you are still stuck on being known as descending from that White guy (French, German, English, or Irish) with primogeniture privilege, that's OK. However, you still have the problem of the "dit" name.

Here, it would be good to explain that a 'dit' name is simply an alias for a family name. Whereas other aliases or aka's are given to a specific person, 'dit' names are given to many persons ([www.lachance.org/dit.html](http://www.lachance.org/dit.html)).

Recently, one of the most intelligent young men responsible for helping CPN members with questions about their ancestry was having a problem finding his own because, at the time, he did not know that there is a 'dit' name in his family background. Upon learning that, he was able to accept that the gentleman buried across the street is indeed a relative with a common ancestor because that gentleman was a brother from a family of eleven children that included the intelligent young man's great-grandfather.

For example, the colonists of New France (Canada) added 'dit' names as distinguishers. Many Potawatomi have been unfamiliar with 'dit' names until now. A short, partial explanation might help. 'Dit' names often denote a place of origin, a title, or a military designation. Sometimes, they denote the mother's family surname (unless it, too, is a 'dit' name.) Ref:[www.papineau.name/family/Anthony/](http://www.papineau.name/family/Anthony/)



ditname.htm

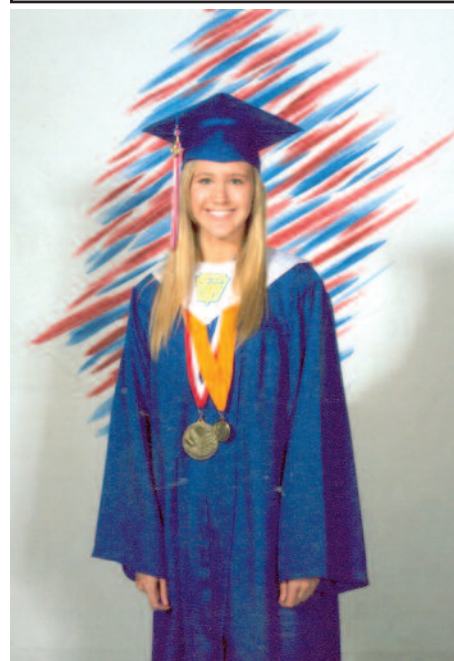
Some, but not all of the reasons for using 'dit' names are: surnames used in the army; place of origin; land owned or inhabited by an ancestor (Beauregard, for example); the full name of an ancestor (Gaston Guay becomes Gastonguay); the first name of an ancestor (Vincent, Robert, etc.); keeping the original name (in local language) during the process of standardizing names to French); or miscellaneous. (Ref: [www.francogene.com/quebec/ditnames.php](http://www.francogene.com/quebec/ditnames.php))

Rita Elise Plourde has some interesting observations, "In New France, when a Catholic male married a Potawatomi or other indigenous female in a ceremony outside ... the blessing of the Catholic Church [it] was declared invalid. The non-Catholic spouse (usually the woman) was listed in the records as a "savage" (example: la sauvagesse), and all their children were considered illegitimate in the eyes of the Church and the Law.

If the "savage" spouse accepted Catholicism and was baptized, she was often given a saint's name as a baptismal name; vows were repeated before a priest; and the marriage was then "rehabilitated," i.e. became valid. The "savage" children of that union then became legitimate and primogeniture (with the rights of inheritance being restored.) (Ref: [www.afgsorg/termphra.html](http://www.afgsorg/termphra.html))

Knowing or not knowing all of this, the 'dit' name still might be the least of your problems in an ancestry search. But, that is a tale for another day.

# Thank You Letters



*Elizabeth Mueller*

To the Citizen Potawatomi Nation,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Potawatomi Nation for your generous financial support as I begin my education at Eastern Michigan University. Your scholarship program has allowed me to pursue my academic goals with a bit more ease and financial relief.

I have always taken pride in my heritage, and you have given me even more reasons to do so. Thank you for your support in my future.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Mueller  
Deerfield, Michigan

*(Editor's note: Elizabeth Mueller is the daughter of William Mueller, granddaughter of Carol Mueller (Cote), and great-granddaughter of Cizerie Cote (Marquis/Francour).*

Tribal Scholarship Program,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. While it covers only a fraction of my tuition costs, it definitely goes a long way for my family to afford this sacrifice. Every thing has been great at Notre Dame this first semester.

Thanks again! It is much appreciated.  
Adam Holzmeister  
Tempe, Arizona

Tribal Rolls Scholarship Program,

I wanted to personally thank you for

offering me the opportunity to continue my education with your assistance. I really appreciated your help and the help your program offers for Native American students.

Thanks,  
Erin Holzmeister  
Tempe, Arizona

Dear Citizen Potawatomi Nation:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the financial support I received through Scholarship Program while attending Portland State University (undergrad) and Oregon Health & Science University (graduate). I graduated this June with a Masters of Public Health degree with a 4.0 GPA. I am very proud of this accomplishment and feel that this outcome is a direct result of having financial assistance while attending school ~ which allowed me to work part-time while applying my main focus to school.

Now that I have graduated, I have been seeking employment with the Indian Health Service and with other tribal health centers. My future looks bright!! I am definitely ready to go out there and make positive changes in our Native communities.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Bressman, MPH

Bozho,

I'm writing to thank the Tribe for supporting my son Ryan Neddeau in his goal of academic achievement. During Chairman John Barrett's visit to Anaheim for our Tribal meeting, I questioned him on benefits that are available for our children. Chairman Barrett emphasized the scholarships you offer for students and the programs that are available within the Tribe. Ryan followed through and sent in his application. We were so excited to receive your letter of acceptance in the mail

It troubles my heart to see and hear of teenagers having the desire to educate themselves, but lacking the funds to do so. Bloomberg reports as many as one-third of all private schools surveyed said they expected enrollment to drop in the next year and almost 40% of those colleges said some of their students dropped out due to personal economic reasons, and also noted

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# Potawatomi Language

## Language Department News

We recently finished our two-year Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant, which we used to develop curriculum for the three-year-olds room, four-and-five-year-old room, and after-school program rooms at the Child Development center. We also finished a curriculum to use with beginner adult language learners, intermediate language learners, and advanced language learners.

We are prepared to resume our Beginner Potawatomi language classes on Monday October 28. We will also have our intermediate classes on Wednesdays. We are very excited to have these in place; they will become a foundation for future language classes.

We developed these curricula with an emphasis on the four areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The areas of listening and reading are passive while writing and speaking are more active forms of instruction. It is important for our students to start hearing the language from day one.

Each level is broken into four units with each unit having a section on grammar,

stories, and daily activities or routines. We believe that, in order for the language to be used going into the future, we needed to structure classes which deal with such everyday activities as making cookies or going shopping, for example.

On a similar note, we believe that, for second-language learners, it will be important to have some understanding of the grammar and how the language works. In the beginner section, the stories will be based on Aesop's fables. These are stories that students already know, making comprehension much easier.

Such stories as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," "The Boy who Cried Wolf," and "The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg" are examples of other stories included in the beginner section.

In the intermediate section, we started to include more culturally-important stories, such as the "Potawatomi Flood Story," "Wishe," and "Why Geese Fly in a V."

We hope that you will take an opportunity in the upcoming year to join us for some of our classes.

## Neshnabe mine Éspen

### The Indian and the Raccoon

*Story originally transcribed by Charles Hockett and told by Jim and Alice Spears*

1. Imesé o neshnabe égi pmenat éspenen.  
Once upon a time - an-Indian - he had a pet - raccoon
2. Neshnabe je o wénikt gi yawe.  
The Indian - so - he goes trapping - he (the raccoon) was there
3. Iw je énemgegnot o éspen égi nishokmewat égiwsenet.  
And so-when he grew up -the coon - he helped him - he hunted
4. Iw je égi kénwach'at mskwékas égi napkotnat.  
So - he marked him (a) red rag - he put around his neck
5. Iw je o éspen éktekoset neko mtek, wijéspenen émkowat,  
And so -the-coon - he climbed -used to- (a) tree -his fellow coon-he found them éniswépnmewat, Ni neshnaben neko énsat o neshnabe.  
He threw them down to him -the - Indian- used to -he killed them- the Indian
6. Iw je o neshnabe nwett émishkweset émketaknekét  
So- the- Indian - better - he was able - he collected furs
7. I shena pené ga zhechkéwat.  
That's- ? -always - they did it (that's how they did it)
8. Iw je ngodek aspen égi mkewat nswa éspenen, ngot égi niswépna,  
So - once - coon -he found them- three -raccoons- the first- he threw him down miné ngot, ahaw je ni nswa égi kchemigatwat.  
Again -one -by golly-but-the-third - they had a big fight
9. Iw je shkett né'ish égi nisawat, ékchemigatwat.  
So - after a while- both - they fell down- they were fighting hard
10. Iw je o neshnabe égi bwa-kkénmat niw wde'éspenmen,  
So - the- Indian - he didn't - recognize him- the - his raccoon mskwékas i égi pkeshkanek.  
Red rag - it- had fallen off
11. Gi je yaykénwik je gi cho je mamda  
They- so -they were same size- so-they- not-so-possible  
Éwi wépotwat, ébwa-kkénmat ni wde'éspenmen.  
he should hit him - he didn't recognize him- the-his coon
12. Pené je ni wde'éspenmen nameyegwan giwjeshnon.  
Always- so-the- his coon - underneath -he lay-
13. Iw je o éspen égi kkénmat ni wikanen ébwa-kénmekot.  
So-the-coon - he saw him - the - his friend- he didn't recognize him
14. Kkan énapmat shkishkonek .  
Closely- he glanced at him- in his eye
15. Iw je ni wde'éspenem ibé énekwés'at ni ngot,  
So- the-his coon -overthere - he tossed his head- the - one
16. miné éjipnikwés'at, iw je o neshnabe  
And - he winked so - the - Indian -
17. Égi wépotwat ni ngot égi nsat.  
He hit him the-other one-he killed him

## Glossary of Words

Neshnabe - Indian/original man  
Mine - and or again - Iw je - so/then  
Ibe - over there - Neko - used to  
Aspen - raccoon (you thought it is a ski resort)  
Migadi - verb, to fight in third person  
Pmena - verb, to take care of/have a pet  
Yawe - he/she is, verb to be  
Mgegno - verb, to be big, third person.  
Giwse - verb, to hunt, third person  
Nswa - number three  
Mkewa - verb, to find someone  
Mtek - tree  
Pene - always/forever  
Nsa - verb, to kill someone  
Kkenma - verb, to know someone  
Wépotwa - verb, to hit someone

## Word Search

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t h d c e t g c b n l o p y é  
s n a c e t a m g e n l l l p  
e a n s a n d w a u y w t m  
i b n s w i i o k e n t e e  
i w j e w é p o t w a i n  
m k o w a i l j k k e n m a

*The Glossary of Words contains words to look for in the Word Search. Additionally, those words are found in the story Neshnabe mine Éspen.*

Be sure to check out the great Potawatomi language resources online at [www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/default.aspx](http://www.potawatomi.org/Culture/Language/default.aspx). If you have yet to check this out, the pages are divided into the following sections: Grammar, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Songs, Classes, Resources, Spiritual, and Online lessons, and Games. Under Grammar are sections called: Historical Origin of the Language and Dialects, History of Writing Systems, Potawatomi vs. English, and Potawatomi Noun Usage. Under Beginner are sections titled: Children's Coloring Sheets, Animals, Weather, Fish, Food, Objects, and Nature. Each of these sections has audio embedded so the words/phrases can be heard. Under Intermediate: Animals, which has more sentences, and common phrases. Both have audio. The phrases have 10 common phrases with three different responses each. Under Advanced: The Potawatomi Flood Story and The Story of Why the Rabbit Has a Short Tail. The Flood story is a video, which can be started by clicking on the picture. The Rabbit story is audio-only, but is quite long. These are great for advanced students or for folks who want to hear longer oral selections of the Potawatomi language. Under Songs: We have a number of children's songs, such as Old MacDonald. We also have a morning song and four Christmas songs. Classes: Lets you know about the types of classes we are offering. Please be certain to contact the Language Department to check times and dates as classes sometimes change due to attendance or other circumstances. Resources: This has links to other Web pages of interest to Potawatomi language learners. The Forest County Website has Jim Thunder's Book One, with audio. The Global Recordings has Mary Wensaut preaching in the Potawatomi language. It is very cool to listen to and lasts about 45 minutes. The Hannahville site has many cool games, so make sure to check it out. Spiritual: This section has the Sign of the Cross and the Lord's Prayer in Potawatomi, with audio. Online lessons: This section has a number of PowerPoint presentations, which can be downloaded.



## Elder of The Month: Wanda Navarre Scarbrough

*Reported and written by Sheila Hughes*

Wanda Maureen Navarre Scarbrough is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's honored elder of the month. "I was born at home in Harrah, Oklahoma on April 21, 1936," Wanda said. Her great-great-great-grandparents were Pierre Navarre and Angelique (Kechouckquah).

Angelique is said to be the daughter of the Potawatomi Indian Chief Warbansee (Ninocob-In-na-Ninocob-in-na). Angelique and Pierre Navarre were married in 1820 in 'the woods' and lived in a small cabin Pierre built for his bride. It was located on the riverside in South Bend, Indiana.

Navarre, who was also Potawatomi and a fur trader for the American Fur Company, made a fortune for its owner, John Jacob Astor. Alex Coquillard took over Pierre's fur trading license and prospered, as Pierre chose to 'live like the Indian', not taking more than was needed to live.

After having several children, Angelique walked on in 1838; records indicate that she is buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame University. That same year, the Potawatomis in Marshall and Fulton counties of Indiana were forced to walk to Kansas, a migration now known as 'The Trail Of Death'.

In 1840, Indians around the South Bend area also had to go west. Some accounts state that Navarre accompanied his children from Indiana, but returned, as he was the founder of South Bend. He spent his last days in his daughter Frances' home in Monroe, Michigan, walking on in 1864. He is also buried at Cedar Grove, in South Bend Indiana, a Potawatomi burial site.

Pierre Navarre's old cabin became a 'cow barn'. For many years, it seemed South Bend residents had nearly forgotten their founder. The cabin was given to the Northern Indiana Historical Society in 1900, then restored and moved to Leeper Park. It fell into disrepair and was again restored, this time by the South Bend Garden Club. Each spring it is the site of 'Cabin Days' for schoolchildren to learn about pioneer ways such as candle-dipping, cooking over an open fire, basket-weaving, and hunting.

Anthony Navarre, Pierre's and Angelique's son, had previously owned the land that is now Rossville, Kansas. Also, Lewis, Anthony's son, sold his allotted land to a



man named Frank Harrah. That land is the site of Harrah, Oklahoma, in eastern Oklahoma County. Lewis and his wife Julia were the parents of Edward Navarre, Elder-of-the-Month Wanda's grandfather.

Our honoree's grandparents, Edward and Alta Navarre, lived in Harrah in a one-room home with no modern conveniences. Born to this couple were Jesse Marie, Wanda, Ramona, and Emery Leroy, Wanda's father. Wanda says she visited her grandparents quite often, seeking wisdom

and receiving unconditional love. "I was named after my aunt Wanda," she said.

Edward and Alta Navarre lived in the small home until 1960. At that time, Wanda's grandparents moved to a modern rent-house about a block away, as Edward had suffered a stroke, which left him paralyzed on one side.

On January 3, 1935, Emery Navarre married Virginia Herron. Virginia bore three children, our honoree Wanda Maureen, Ronald (Sonny), and Carolyn

Sue. The three were very close, and they "palled around" throughout their childhood.

Living in Harrah, Oklahoma, Wanda recalled, "We had a wood burning stove until I was about 10 years old, then we got electricity and gas."

She continued, "I went to Harrah School, but didn't graduate because I got married to Ray Vernon Scarbrough when I was 16. We met at the movies in McCloud, (Oklahoma), where Ray lived."

The young couple had a quaint marriage ceremony at Ray's sister's home. "We didn't have much money and didn't own a car," Wanda said. She and Ray traveled to San Antonio, Texas. "Ray was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base. I missed my family, I was kind of a momma's baby, and I cried when I left home," she said with a laugh.

Soon, Ray was shipped to Okinawa, and Wanda returned to Harrah to live with her parents during the 18 months of his absence. "When he got back, we were stationed at Vance AFB in Enid," Wanda recalled. Their first child, Terry Ray was born at the base.

They resided there for one year, until her husband once again left American soil to serve in Istanbul, Turkey. "Not long after he went, me and the baby went over there, too," Wanda said. "I enjoyed the year we spent in Turkey. We lived in a two-story apartment on the second floor. You see, the higher up you lived the more influence you had."

She continued, "I even had a maid. They were very inexpensive, and that was the custom for military families. I really enjoyed the beautiful countryside, too."

She added, "I was pregnant, and I was glad I didn't have to go to the hospital over there. We lived on an outpost, so you had to fly on Turkish airlines, and when you got there, you just had to wait in line."

Upon returning to America, Ray received an honorable discharge in May of 1962.

On August 3 of that year, Ronnie Lee, the Scarbroughs' second son, was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. "When he was 10 years old, he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. I wish I had a dime for every time we spent at the emergency room with Ronnie," Wanda said.





**Wanda and Ray Navarre sign their marriage license**

"But I was glad to do it."

"We moved back to Enid, but all our friends were gone, shipped to other places, so we moved back to the Oklahoma City area in order to be closer to the family," Wanda recalled.

With two sons, one of them very ill, and a child on the way, there was little time for extracurricular activities. "We really like finding antiques and collectibles. That was our favorite pastime," she said.

Leanna, their youngest child, was born on September 5, 1962 at the Indian Health Facility in Lawton, Oklahoma. Soon after her birth, Ray acquired employment in Stillwater, Oklahoma with the electric co-op. Later, he held the position of city park manager. He retired after 10 years of employment.

Once again, the family moved, this time to Moore, Oklahoma. The Scarbroughs stayed there for 15 years.

On October 22, 2006, Ronnie Lee succumbed to the complications of his diabetes and walked on. He had lived the entire 44 years of his life at home, being lovingly cared for by his parents.

The Scarbroughs now live in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Wanda is also an insulin-dependent diabetic. Diagnosed in 1975, the disease has robbed her of her eyesight, and she is wheelchair-bound, as her feet are also affected by this often-deadly disease.

Wanda's son Terry and his wife Dorothy live in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They have blessed the Scarbroughs with two grandchildren, Tyler and Jennifer. "Our grandson Tyler married Lauren, and I have two

great grandkids too!" Wanda proudly proclaimed. "Their names are Paige and Christopher Ray. I haven't even seen the baby yet, it's so hard for us to get out and travel."

She added, "Leanna is married to Shelby Reynolds and lives in Oklahoma City. My other grandkids are named Skyla and Robbie."

Our honoree takes great pride in her family history and Potawatomi bloodline. She is very grateful for the services the Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides for her today. Wanda's noon meals are delivered to her through the Title VI Elders Feeding Program. The delightful couple only leaves home for medical appointments and necessities. Although Ray also has health issues, they are there for one another, as they have been for their 57 years of marriage. Visiting them was a humbling experience.

Although life has dealt them the loss of a child and failing physical conditions, they both have a light heart and positive attitude. Together, they are one.

"I would like to dedicate this article to the memory of my son, Ronnie Lee. All Indians should get regular check-ups for diabetes," Wanda commented. The disease has had a staggering effect and death toll among Native Americans and continues to do so among our people.

Wanda Maureen Navarre Scarbrough's life has been fruitful and joyous yet painful. She cared for her ill and disabled son until three years ago and buried that same child. As a dedicated military wife and mother, she has moved from base to



**Wanda Navarre and her sister Carol, cousins of Vice Chairman Linda Capps, posed in Harrah.**

base and abroad. She is living proof of the strength that abides in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's precious matriarchs.

It was my deep pleasure to recount her history and life. The Scarbroughs have etched a place in this reporter's heart that is eternal. I would urge you all to pray that the Great Spirit would be kind to them in their sunset years. I have, and will continue to do so.

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*ed office, or Ever impeached or recalled from an elected tribal office."*

On eligibility to file for legislative offices, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Code says, "Eligibility To File: In order to file for any office, a candidate must be eligible and qualified. A person is eligible if: 1. Eighteen (18) years of age or older; 2. A member of the Tribe; and 3. Physically residing within the respective Legislative District for a period of not less than Six months. A person is not qualified for an elected office if: 1. Ever convicted of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty while holding an elected tribal office, 2. Ever found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Nation or misconduct in elected office, or 3. Ever impeached or recalled from an elected tribal office."

## Attention CPN Veterans

**I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.**

**If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-275-3121. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.**

**I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.**

*Clyde Yates - A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969*

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# Community Development Corporation

*Recently we have expanded our services and are now able to offer many items to our out-of-state members. Below is a listing of products and services we are able to provide to any tribal member regardless of location.*

## Commercial Loan Programs

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation prides itself on nurturing Native American entrepreneurs with loans in its portfolio as small as \$5,000. On the other end of the spectrum, the CPCDC can independently offer loan funding up to \$300,000. Credit requests in excess of \$300,000 may be facilitated by the CPCDC but will require participation from other financial entities. Loans may be used for commercial real estate acquisition or improvement, equipment, inventory, supplies, and/or working capital. Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation will guide you through the process of acquiring funding for your business. Our professional staff works one-on-one with you to tailor a financing package which will meet your business needs. By providing favorable lending terms and financial guidance, the CPCDC helps your business become more competitive and profitable.

## Business Development Program

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has developed customized technical assistance programs for both the aspiring entrepreneur as well as the established business. For aspiring entrepreneurs, the CPCDC helps clients evaluate business ideas and establish a plan to turn those ideas into reality. Once your business is operating, new opportunities for growth and development will arise. Training and one-on-one assistance can help make your small business become more efficient, more productive, and more profitable. Either through one-on-one consultation, mentoring, or workshop instruction, the CPCDC provides assistance in key business topics:

- Structuring your business
- Preparing a loan packet
- Managing finances
- Creating a strategic plan
- Government-contracting
- Developing a business plan
- Understanding business legal issues
- Understanding fundamental contracts
- Marketing & advertising strategies
- Conducting market research

## Potawatomi Business Network

This is a 12-month program that serves as both a training and a mentoring program. There is a monthly meeting held online, and once a quarter, we meet in person for those who live in Oklahoma. This program is designed to benefit both experienced and inex-

perienced entrepreneurs.

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employee Loan Program

Payday loan companies make loans to individuals in financial distress and charge APRs ranging from 250% to 1,000%. Employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation have an alternative - loans from \$500-\$1,500 may be obtained from the CPCDC. The Employee Loan Program not only provides each employee a loan to satisfy immediate financial needs, but also offers a long-term solution to financial hardship in the form of education. The Employee Loan Program offers guidance and instruction in the areas of budgeting and managing credit obligations. It is the intent of the program to increase the financial literacy and credit worthiness of its participants.

## Financial Education and Credit Counseling

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is pleased to announce the opening of the Citizen Potawatomi Credit Counseling Service. We are here to help you conquer financial problems and improve your life! Counseling sessions and workshops provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation will leave you with the tools to tackle your finances with confidence. The atmosphere is positive and non-judgmental, and the solutions are practical and relevant.

## Self-Paced Financial Education

This program is comprised of an adult component designed to promote sound budgeting practices and fiscal self-discipline. The adult program helps participants accumulate assets for business start-up and expansion, credit repair, and housing. This program creates a pathway to financial well-being, builds human capacity, establishes banking relationships, and enables the accomplishment of goals. Program participants receive an online book and upon completion will receive a certificate to submit to each of the regular monthly savings.

## Credit-Builder Loan

In today's economy a credit score is a valuable financial asset. The Credit-Builder Loan Program was designed for those who are first time borrowers or those with past credit problems. This loan program offers CPN tribal members an active line of good credit, dramatically improving their credit score and establishing or reestablishing good credit. Loans are available for terms from 12-18 months.





# CPN Cultural Heritage Center & FireLake Giftshop

## Cultural Heritage Center (CHC)

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The Visitors Area of the CHC will be completed soon! We have already received the visitor rack card display and have set that up for visitors to enjoy. The seating has been ordered and will be arriving soon. The two miniature dioramas have arrived and should be in place soon.

The CHC Facebook page is growing in popularity! Become “a fan” of the CHC on Facebook to stay updated on events, exhibits, and other things going on at the CHC. We have contests and trivia challenges, and the prizes are fantastic (a special thanks to FireLake Gifts).

To become a fan, search Facebook for “Citizen Potawatomi.” The CHC should be the first link to pop up. Click “Become a Fan. It’s as simple as that! You will receive an update each time a post is made by the staff of the CHC.

Remember to check out the CHC Tribal Heritage Project’s YouTube site! It’s in its infancy, but Leslie Gee, director, is working hard to link up a lot of our family/veterans videos. You can find us on YouTube at the link below (if you have a YouTube account, you can “subscribe” to the Tribal Heritage Project page for updates): <http://www.youtube.com/user/cpntribal-heritage>.

The CHC recently participated in the Shawnee Corporate Cup Scavenger Hunt/Road Rally, through the Shawnee YMCA. The CHC hopes to continue working with the community on fun projects such as these.

First and foremost, the CHC is here to protect and preserve tribal history and stories. If you have any stories to share, on- or off-camera, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Our Tribal Heritage Department is always ready to interview tribal members, and our Archives Department is ready to document your family history.

Megwetch,  
Karen Phillips  
Executive Director



CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The CHC is located at:  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok.  
(405)275-3119

CHC Hours of operation:  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 8am-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-3pm  
Sunday: Closed

## The Holidays at FireLake Gifts

Greetings and Happy Holiday Season!

We are now totally in the Holiday mode. We have lovely handmade dolls, horsehair and rainbow pottery, carved stone fetishes, and lots of new jewelry.... earrings, bracelets, necklaces, bolos, key holders, money clips, many choices with beautiful sterling silver and all natural North American stones, white buffalo, turquoise, spiny oyster, blue lapis, garnets, coral and amethysts. There is no better surprise to place in a special someone’s Christmas stocking!

The first week in November featured the unveiling of our all-new Pendleton seasonal merchandise. We have ear-warmers, gloves, jackets, Franklin the horse, Lamb blankie (a combo cuddly lamb and baby blanket), Glacier and Chauncey (the Pendleton bears), and Giddy-Up Pony (a fun lil’ stick horse). And, of course, we have a fabulous display of beautiful new



Pendleton blankets.

Don’t forget some warm Minnetonka moccasins - great for cold toes on Christmas morning. Another fun item for young or old is a fuzzy white buffalo decked out with a big red bow, all ready for its special place under the tree.

During November and December, we will offer custom gift-wrapping for a minimal charge. Please come in and visit soon ... no tricks, just treats at FireLake Gifts.

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The online store is once again up and running, so we look forward being able to serve more of the CPN membership nationwide. Find us online at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org>.

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Hours of operation are:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed



*Cultural Heritage Center staffers are putting the finishing touches on a diorama that depicts life during the four seasons in a long-ago Potawatomi village.*





## Trail of Death now marked



Workers install a sign north of Paola, Kansas, marking the Trail of Death. (photo by Brandon Steinert)

by Brandon Steinert/Miami County, Kansas Republic

A notorious path known as the Trail of Death has been officially recognized by the states of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. Signs have been placed all over the four states to highlight the regional historic pathway.

The trail, which marks the route of Potawatomi tribes forced to leave Indiana, begins in Rochester, Indiana, and meanders through Illinois and Missouri to end in eastern Kansas.

The Potawatomi were forcibly removed from north-central Indiana by gunpoint in the fall of 1838. Forty-two of the 859 Native Americans making the trip died during the treacherous journey. The Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan of Potawatomi Indians and historians has retraced the 660-mile trail every five years since 1988.

Some Potawatomi lived for about a decade in Linn County at Sugar Creek Trading Post, which is now St. Philippine Duchesne Memorial Park. Other Potawatomi tribes were relocated to other

areas of eastern Kansas.

"(The Trail of Death highway sign) affords us an excellent opportunity in Miami County to advance people coming into our county from a tourism standpoint and other projects can arise from this," said Wayne Johnson of the Miami County Historical Society. "It allows people to come to the (Swan River) museum (in Paola), and we can share our history. It's very valuable from that standpoint."

Johnson said the museum has several artifacts from the Potawatomi Tribe, which are available for Trail of Death travelers to view as they near their final destination.

The Miami County Historical and Genealogical Society has been working with Shirley Willard, the president of the Fulton County Historical Society of Rochester, Indiana, for about 18 months to complete the trail's marking and official recognition. Johnson said that despite his extensive efforts for the past year and a half, all the credit should go to Willard for several years of hard work to see the project completed.

### Dillon Gardner: tight end, linebacker

## CPN soph contributes for undefeated Wolves

Dillon Gardner is a 16-year-old Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) tribal member and student-athlete at Shawnee High School. He lives in Shawnee, Oklahoma with parents David (Citizen Potawatomi) and Teresa Gardener. This school year, he has been honored to have the opportunity to be a part of both the Shawnee Wolves football and track and field teams as a sophomore.

Gardner says that this has been an exciting year, because, as the *HowNiKan* went to press, the Wolves football team was undefeated, at 10-0, and ranked #1 in Oklahoma's Class 5A. A victory in the final regular season game, on November 5, marked the first time the Wolves had headed into the playoffs undefeated since a state championship season in 1973.

With a playoff berth assured and just the playoffs remaining, Dillon reflected on his experience this year, saying that he has learned "discipline, because that is what football is." Achieving an undefeated season is, no doubt, a result of discipline in any sport.

Dillon and his Shawnee Wolves teammates completed pursuit of an undefeated regular season with a 42-10 thumping of



At top, Dillon Gardner lines up at tight end for a Wolves offensive play against the Western Heights Jets. In the bottom photo, he stops a ballcarrier in another game.

Oklahoma City's Capitol Hill High School on Thursday November 5, 2009.

This currently undefeated season for the Wolves also marks the end of an era; this will be the last year that Shawnee High School will compete at the 5A level. The Wolves are to move up to class 6A in

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To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at [herb39h@valornet.com](mailto:herb39h@valornet.com). To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Michael Abel at 405-694-9503 or [LeadSingerOne@yahoo.com](mailto:LeadSingerOne@yahoo.com)



# What if? - The Story Behind a Life-Saving Decision

*(Editor's note: In mid-October, George Adamietz, a CPN member, employee in the Tribal Rolls Department, and former participant in the Potawatomi Leadership Program, took steps that are likely to have saved a youngster's life. George wrote about his decision to follow through when he was told he had been identified as a potential bone marrow donor for a youngster facing a life-threatening illness.)*

What if? What if you took your child in for treatment for a common cold or because he just didn't feel right, and you thought, "Okay, he will just get some antibiotics."

But, what if, instead, your doctor recommends that you see a specialist for more testing. At this point, you begin thinking, "What could these test be for?"

Your head fills with ideas about everything from H1N1 (so-called 'Swine flu') to something the child might have caught at school or at daycare. Never would you think that he might have a disease that will cause life-altering changes.

Then you get the devastating news: your child or loved one has cancer. In this case, a real life situation I am now involved with, it is a small child who has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a very hard cancer to deal with.

Some cancer can be cured with such treatments as chemotherapy or radiation; some others can not be easily fixed. So, what's next? For some, the road can become dark; it seems as if there is nowhere to turn. For others, a small but steady glimmer of hope opens up. This hope is bone-marrow or stem-cell donation. But, this cure is hard to find because it requires marrow or stem cell matches that are rare outside the sibling relationship. When it is found, though, a bone marrow or stem cell match can save a life.

During my college days, I saw a table at which volunteers sat asking students and others to sign-up to make a bone marrow stem cell donation were ever needed. I thought, "Why not? I will never get a call."

So I took 10 minutes of my time and enrolled as a potential donor. Well, this

action has now become reality for me; in mid-October, I went back home to Pennsylvania to make a bone marrow donation to a match whose identity I don't know.

As one of five brothers, this person's need struck a responsive chord within my heart. When I was told the patient's age and gender, I suddenly pictured, like most of us would, a sibling sitting there taking his daily treatment and being strong - as I would sit by him, praying for a cure and crying for the pain he was in.

But this is not in vain; for a young boy, there is a cure.

The bone marrow donation program searches to the ends of the world to find matches for people. After a preliminary match as been found, the potential donor is contacted to do some more testing to determine if he is the best match for the patient. Chances that a specific potential donor being that best match are about 8 percent, or one in a dozen.

After this, all that remains is an examination and the donation procedure.

To most, when one thinks about his donation, he envisions a needle - a very long needle - placed directly in his bone. Well, I must admit that some of this is true. However, the more common method of

extraction of the needed substance is through withdrawal of blood. It is just like giving blood but, before you donate, you are given five shots to help build your stem cell count.

If you are told bone marrow donation is the best choice for your donation match, take a moment and think about whether you can live with your conscience if you know that a small amount of time in pain can save someone's life.

Like most any journey, this one does pose some risks. Each is explained to the potential donor before he embarks on the process. It can be scary; one can think, "They will find a better person."

But, what would have happen if I had said that, decided differently, and a little boy had died. It's not likely that I would ever know that. I could have just told myself, "They probably found a match." But, when all was written, a little boy would have been told, "There is no match for you."

So, this journey is something I believe will change my life, as it will defiantly change someone else's. So when you think about this or have the chance to donate, take those five minutes and create the possibility for changing a life.



Shiree Randell was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

**Our mother, Shiree,** was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!

Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card, or register online at [www.lifeshareregistry.org](http://www.lifeshareregistry.org). If you don't have a license, or state ID card, and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433), and ask for a donor registration card.

**@GOOD for life.**

## Spay/Neuter Assistance Offered

Saving Pets At Risk, is pleased to announce that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has again donated \$10,000 for spay and neuter surgeries for tribal members' dogs and cats in 2009 at no cost to members.

Upon verification, the member will be sent a certificate to present to the veterinarian for the surgery. The certificate will be dated and must be used before the expiration date. Appointments for the pets will be made by SPAR, at the veterinary clinic of the pet owner's choice. No other services, other than a rabies shot, will be covered. Pets need to be healthy and free of parasites when presented for surgery. Puppies and kittens need to be six months old or older at time of surgery.

To apply, members should call the SPAR voice-mail at 405-702-7727 and press option #1. Leave a message that you are calling to apply for the CPN spay and neuter program. You must leave your name, mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address (if available). A SPAR representative will contact you and send paperwork that will require you to attach a copy of your tribal membership card and/or other photo ID if your membership card does not have a photo.

Thank you for participating in this special program for your pets. Animals that are altered live healthier and longer lives as your companion. Spaying and neutering your pet saves lives and reduces the huge number of homeless animals in our country. SPAR representatives began responding to calls on September 11, 2009.





# The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes its newest members

On September 30, 2009, the following applicants were enrolled into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. They are listed in alphabetical order by surnames.

Kyle McClure Anderson, Gage Nathaniel Anderson, Jessica Danielle Askins, Zackery Wayne Askins, Michelle Leigh Aston, Vance Mitchell Aston, Ashleigh Danielle Louise Aston, Rachel Susan Austin, Matthew Dean Bailey, Taylor Lynn Baptiste, Jayden Zechariah Becvar, Jimmy Dale Berzoza, Charles Dale Berzoza, Raymond Charles Berzoza, Sheldon David Black, Ella Nicole Black, Emma Joan Bodine, Cathy Marie Boyden, Kaylee Dawn Brewington, Skylar Dewayne Brewington, Chance Miles Bridges, Cole Mason Bridges, Andrew Wayne Brooks Jr., Carla Jo Brown, Kahlayah Alesia Brown, Brennan Kurt Brown, Sara Caitlin Broyles, Madison Reilly Broyles, Alexis Hunter Bruno, Johnna Lee Bryant, and Jazmine Marie Buller.

Samuel Edward Callahan, Kyle Jay Campbell, Matthew Jordan Castaneda, Cody Jordan Castaneda, Ashley Cadence Chancellor, Callie May Coats, Robert William Collins II, Corban William Cook, Lance Derek Cook, Louise Del Craft, Jacie Kay Crenshaw, Keaton Allen Crenshaw, Caitlin Frances Danieleley, Charlie Hugh Danieleley IV, Loretta Ann Delong, Dakota Dawn Dills, Jacob Patrick Diver, Kaine Christopher Diver, Kal^ná Snow Dockstader, and Coen Gregory Dore.

Adilyn Shea Elkins, Shelby Lynn Erikson, Chad Michael Erikson, Mark Edward Evans, Erin Emily Eybersen, Evalyn Audrey Eybersen, Amanda Jeanne Felix, Laura Emily Fisher, Kaylean Shea Fisher, Cheyenne Skye Forney, Richard Erick Foster, Brittany Irene Foust, Cindy Marie Friedt, Brooklyn McKenzie Glenn,

Vanessa June Gonzales, Johny Ray Goostree, Addison Michelle Goostree, Shooter James Gordon, Laynie Marie Gosney, and LaTosha Lee Green.

Ava Grey Halbritter, Elizabeth Ann Hall, Katelyn Elizabeth Hall, Kevin Roy Hall, Avery Grace Hambrick, Samantha Christine Hamilton, Alexandra Rayne Hamilton, Calum Ashton Hamma, Trevor Allen Hampton, Jace Parker Hanan, Ethan Michael Hancock, Abigail Marie Hancock, Jourdian Tyler Herndon, Christopher Henry Hess, Laura Ann Hickman, Andrew Jefferson Hickman, Catherine Rene Hickman, Jon Jordan Hickman, Brandon Michael Hill, Michael David Hogan, Ashley Nicole Hogan, Zachary Taylor Hogan, Kimberly Michelle Hogan, Rebecca Lynn Holloway, Madelyn Grace Hubble, Tina Jo Hull, Delanie Agnetta Hutchison, Sabrina Nicole Imus, Stephanie Ann Ines, Eleanor Yvonne Javins, Ronda Hazel Jennen, and Kayla Ann Jewett.

Robert Thomas Kistler, Zoey Rose Klen, Cohen Tayton Knox, Kye Lynn Kubiak, Michael Edward Lange, Charles E. LeClair, Charles John Lefstad, Lilly Elizabeth Lewis, Tate Christian Lewis, Sarena Faith Loftis, Christina Jesus-Oscar Lopez, Cheyenne Ember Mandeville, Hunter Glenn Mandeville, Anthony Manganello, Joseph Henry Manning, Kathryn Leann Manning, Taylor James Manning, Sarah Grace Manning, Bailey Nicole Marcum, Blake Edwin Marshall, Robert Alan Martin, Riley Colt Martin, Kelly Marie McClain, Kohlruss, Justin Alexander-Michael McClain, Lindsey Kay McDowell, Allison Mae McDowell, Lucian Wahkshe McKinney, Katlyn Jean McNeal, Jade Michelle McShannon, Trinity Leighanne Meadows, Mikayla Faith Melot, Alexis Jean Lenae Merritt,

Haleigh Louise Milhorn, Linda Marie Moomau, Andrew Kyle Moomau, Alainia Caroline Moomau, Jacob Samuel Moomau, Beverly Ann Morris, Rachel Elizabeth Munn, and Anthony Curtis Mustain.

Matthew Orion Negahnquet, Madeleine Susanna Smits Nelson, Mackenzie Breanne Niblack, Alexander Flynn Niblack, Jimmy Lee Norris, Brenda Colleen Oaks, Patrick Donavin Pace, Kinley Ryan Patten, Daegan Lee Paxson, Brittany Lynn Pearl, Sean Christopher Pearl, Thomas Eugene Peddicord, Jacob Thomas Peddicord, Savannah Jean Peddicord, Gavin Michael Peddicord, Ian Wess Peltier, Alycia Lucille Perkins, Kaysha Rene Perkins, Jayden Reese Phifer, Kacie Frances Pickup, Candace LouAnn Pickup, James Brian Pierson, Riley Marie Pointer, Elissa Leigh Freeman-Potter, Deborah Gail Powell, Travis Spence Powell, Tanner Reid Powell, Jeffrey Darrell Powers, Kaitlyn Brooke Powers, Walker Wayne Powers, Jessica Leigh Powers, Barbara Lynn Prather, and Mattie Brooke Pritchett.

Kelcie Leigh Raymond, Konner Allen Raymond, Josua Lewis Reamer, Trenton Lewis Reamer, Ryan Michael Reamer, Cassidy Alyssa Reed, Cyla Anice Reed, Ellie Elizabeth Reeder, Brenda Denise Rice, Sarah Meghan Rice, Sydney Lauren Rice, Alexander Wayne Richardson, Cecilia Renee' Roysdon, Robin K'Lynn Roysdon, Allison Loke-Lani Roza, Sarah Keilani Roza, Priscilla Na-Lani Roza, and Travis Wayne Rucker.

Kyle Murphy Sale, Ronald James Santiago, Shaun Christopher Santiago, Andrew William Santiago, Donovan Peter Santiago, Montana Nicole Santling, Alexander Roman Santoro, Tammy Leigh Sasso, Parker Michael Sasso, Preston

Ronald Sasso, Jacob Donovan Saunders, Monica Elizabeth Savory, Miranda Lynn Savory, Hailey Elizabeth Schencks, Jessica Rene' Schimmel, Michael August-Gregson Schuler, Lindsay Melissa Selander, Cory Landon Selander, Nina Dianne Sharpe, Paul David Shelley, Brittany Nicole Shelley, Courtney Kathryn Shelley, Gus Taylor Shelley, Michael Andrew Sheppard, Melissa Catherine Sheppard, Melody Mariah Sheppard, Nathan Troy Shewmaker, Aaron David Shewmaker, Adan Silva, Christopher Thomas Simpson, Rachel Ariana Sinadinos, Jill Athena Sinadinos, Bryce Landen Sitler, Ethan Joseph Slavin, Sandra Kay Slimboski, Toni Sophia Smith, Lucy Sydney Smith, Blake Alan Smith, Caleb Alexander Sparks, Rylee-Arlene Louise Stanley, Seth Austin Stavenhagen, Shelton Aaron Stavenhagen, Stetson Allen Stavenhagen, Arianna Deshawn Stewart, Aisha Ranae Stewart, Alayjah Marie Stewart, Sherri Ann Stiles, Emma Rose Strickland, Anna Kathryn Swann, Molly Elizabeth Swann, Oona Grace B'Geshmode Riley Swartz, Reagan Nicole Sweet, and Joshua Titus Sweet.

Elizabeth Grace Tague, Natalie Rose Tague, Logan Daniel Tarter, Mitchell Ryan Thomas, Dixie Lynn Tocco, Joe Ryan Trousdale, Andrew Lee Trousdale, Taylor Newashaw Trujillo, Kendal Shawnee Trujillo, Richard Leigh Tuesley, Kerry Christopher Tuesley, Justin Nicholas Turner, Jessica Kay Verschelden, Kaylee Jo Verschelden, Isabelle Jean Verschelden, Dalton James Lambert Verschelden, Spencer Jamison Verschelden, Shyanne HeyLee ADale Wano, Darren Curtis Ward, Matthew Ryan Watson, Aaron Michael Watson, Samantha Jo Welday, Tabitha Leigh Welday, Troy Isaiah Whistler, Reagan Grace William, Natasha Lynn Wolfe, Dal'Liana Jade Wolfe, and Raquel Deshae Wren.

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation

### Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.



Jeremy Bennett preparing for environmental law career**CPN member completes 2009 Native American Congressional internship**

During the summer of 2009, Jeremy Bennett, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, successfully completed the Morris K. Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship in Washington, DC. This summer, 13 Udall Interns, representing 10 tribes and nine colleges and universities, completed the intensive 10-week internship. Since it began in 1996, 162 Native American and Alaska Native students from 86 tribes have participated in the program.

Bennett is currently seeking his Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental science and agribusiness, focusing on environmental policy and agricultural law at Oklahoma State University. After he graduates, he plans to attend law school. His goal is to help Native Americans reclaim a culture that is being lost and denied. Additionally, he wants to help protect the environment and see more regulations and laws passed to do so. Bennett is actively involved in numerous clubs and organizations on his campus, such as the OSU Sustainability Committee, Environmental Science Club, Native American Association, and the Water Watch Program. Bennett also likes to run in marathons and promote healthy lifestyles.

Bennett worked full-time for U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-South Dakota). He observed the federal executive and legislative processes first-hand. Special enrichment activities provided him with opportunities to meet with key decision-makers in Washington, D.C.

Regarding the internship, Bennett stated, "With our nation at such a historical point, this was a prime time to be in Washington, D.C. I was able to see some groundbreaking legislation that Congress has never passed in its history. It is so wonderful and exciting to be a part of that. I had the opportunity of meeting (Supreme Court Justice Sonia) Sotomayor and attending her (confirmation) hearings. Furthermore, I was able to research issues that I had no passion for, but now really see how I was able to grow and mature as a person because of it. In my research report, I talked a lot about how things change and how some things need to be changed or reformed, but looking back I was the one changing as a person."

This highly regarded internship program is intended to provide Native



*CPN member Jeremy Bennett invested the summer of 2009 working as an intern in U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson's office in Washington, D.C. through the Morris K. Udall Foundation.*

Americans and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington, D.C., and is known for placing Native students in highly sought after positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand.

The Foundation awards approximately 12 internships every summer on the basis of merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy, such as tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, cultural preservation and revitalization, and Native American economic development. The Foundation received a record number of applicants in 2009 and this year's group of interns represents one of the strongest classes the Udall

Foundation has seen since starting the program in 1996. This year, in accordance with a partnership with First Alaskans Institute, the number of Udall Interns increased to 13.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. The Foundation is supported by a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector. Congressman Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades, a career distinguished by civility, integrity, and consensus. He championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives, using his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance and national environmental policy.

The deadline to apply for the 2010 Internships in Washington, D.C., is January 29, 2010. To obtain more information on the Morris K. Udall Foundation, please visit its Web site at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov) or contact Jane Curlin at 520-901-8500 or by e-mail at [curlin@udall.gov](mailto:curlin@udall.gov).

**Letter of Thanks**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to CPN Employment & Training, Carol Clay Levi, Margaret Zientek, and Marie Tubbs.

On December 26, 2007, I suffered a terrible car accident that has left me in a wheelchair for now. I spent two months in a hospital in Oklahoma City, enduring 11 surgeries and reconstruction on my left foot and ankle. I also had a broken right wrist and right thumb.

At the time of the accident, I was employed and making enough money each month to pay all my bills plus. My paychecks and my only form of transportation were gone at the time of the accident. This left me in great need. The home I was buying was foreclosed on after the accident, and that added to my needs and created much worry for me.

While in the hospital, I contacted Margaret Zientek. She advised me of the options that were available to me, and I pursued them. From March 2007 until September 2007, I received \$180.00 a month to help pay utility bills and maintain some kind of dignity, while my family was also helping me in many other ways.

I am still being treated for this accident on a monthly basis, with recovery progressing very slowly. Although I still have needs, I have been approved for Social Security Disability and SSI. I received my first SSD check at the end of September 2009; I will receive one every month thereafter. I will be getting my settlement very soon, and will purchase the home I am now living in, which will then be paid for – in-full. I will have no rent or mortgage payments to make, ever again.

I have gone from experiencing great pain, despair, and depression and almost being homeless to the hopefulness about my future that I described above. To the CPN Employment and Training program, I owe great gratitude and respect for their helping hand and understanding attitude through my long 18 months of financial assistance. Without them, my situation could have been a lot worse as I needed a place to come home to so I could start healing.

My deepest thanks and respect go to Director Carol Clay-Levi, Assistant Director Margaret Zientek, Marie Tubbs, and the family at CPN Employment and Training. For dealing with all my trials

*See LETTER OF THANKS on page 22*



## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan

The first-ever “Chief Little Bear Day/Native American Day” at Neodesha, Kansas is now history. I have to say that, for a first-time-ever event, it was a huge success. Our Nation was well represented.

To start the festivities they had a 5k run/walk and one-mile fun walk called Moccasin Madness. I ran in the 5k - enough said about that.

After that, the CPN color guard presented the colors in the “arena.” Delta Drum Group provided the drum for the grand entry, flag song, veteran’s song, and the many dances that followed.

In addition to his duties as a member of the color guard, Jon Boursaw gave a short presentation on the Potawatomi “Trail of Death” beginning with a brief history of the Potawatomi and the events leading up to the removal and ending with a day-by-day account of the journey that ended at present-day Osawatomi, Kansas.

On Saturday September 12, District #1 held an open house at our office in Kansas City. We had a cookout, with hamburgers and hot dogs, bingo and lots of good conversation. The bingo blackout winners were Jacob VanVacter, who won a clock, and Jerry VanVacter, who took home a shawl, which he graciously agreed to model.

Our youngest future member of District #1 present was Kirsten VanVacter, who was 11 days old. If it seems the VanVacter family won everything, it’s because they did.

If you did not receive notice of the open



house, it’s because I don’t have your e-mail or mailing address. If you have not already done so, please send your e-mail or mailing address to me at [rjslavin@sbc-global.com](mailto:rjslavin@sbc-global.com) or Roy Slavin 6730 N.W. Tower Dr., Kansas City, Mo. 64151. I still have fewer than 20% of the names and addresses in my district.

There has been considerable interest in the Kansas City area for language classes. Our language department has on-going classes online at [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org). They also have beginner classes that you can download and work at your own pace. There will be an online class beginning in January for beginners. I hope to hold this class at our office. I will let you know more about this as information becomes available.

If you're like us, you're finding the balance of work, family, and household chores challenging, and if you've been hit by this economy that doesn't seem to be rebounding - jobs-wise - you've got it all the tougher. Hopefully, the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday will bring all of us the blessings of family, and Native American Heritage day on the Friday after Thanksgiving will find us celebrating our Potawatomi roots. I guess as patriots we should rush out that day to buy-buy-buy to buoy up the economy. However, spending some time in thanks to our Creator and remembering our relatives who have

walked-on will keep us in tune with our Native spirit, too.

In September, I was honored by a request to travel to North Carolina and participate in a naming ceremony for the Ziegler and Deprez families. We had a lovely morning for the ceremony, held on the grounds of a Baptist church in Asheboro. Many of the Zieglers are accomplished singers. So, with some advance planning and help from Justin Neely in Shawnee, everyone learned the Morning Song and sang it together to end the ceremony. I've put on my Web site - [www.evamariecarney.com](http://www.evamariecarney.com) - with the words in both Potawatomi and English, and a clip of Justin singing them, if you'd like to learn the song, or refresh yourself on the words.



*Carl Ziegler (Numat) names his granddaughter Jordan Ziegler while her sponsors Lowell Ziegler (Jordan's father and Carl's son) and Kate Parrish (Jordan's cousin and Carl's granddaughter) look on. Carl's wife Ann and grandson Adam Parrish also in the photo.*

Ralph Bazhaw, who has remained interested and active in District #2 activities since the election in 2008 (he and I were in the run-off for the office I hold) lives close to the Zieglers. Thus, he was able to serve as our firekeeper and add his energy to the naming ceremony. Thank you Ralph for joining us, and for your help with the fire and prayers!

Carl Ziegler, his family's loving patriarch, received his name, Numat (He Who Prays for Others) He is a Baptist minister and a man who puts others first. Then, Carl named his sons and one of his two daughters. A daughter who couldn't travel down for the event will receive her name from Carl soon. He also named a number of his grandchildren.

Christina and Lofton Deprez, who are Vieuxs, received their names as well. They are Akinibwekwe and Zibenene. The Deprez family runs a bed-and-breakfast



inn outside Chapel Hill. If it captures even some of their family warmth, it would make for a great vacation spot. Check out The Inn at Bingham School on the Web. Please note that they certainly did not ask me to "plug" their inn, but I love the idea of patronizing fellow Potawatomis' businesses, and suspect that many of you do, too.

I've seen some harsh criticism of me on the Web relating to my helping District #2 citizens with naming ceremonies. Despite what is being written by some pretty bitter folks outside our District, my helping people in this way is not some bid to lock-in votes for some future election; you have me until June 2013 as it is! I see what I'm doing as being responsive to District #2 requests.

I am extremely fortunate to have learned from others about our traditions. I plan to continue that learning whenever the opportunity is presented. I have been told by many of you that you want to learn more about our culture and traditions, and many of you want your names. So, I will keep on this path in an effort to share what I'm learning and to help you reconnect with your Potawatomi heritage.

If you are willing to share what you know about our culture and traditions I would be very pleased to hear from you. I understand that I should gift tobacco before making that request, but communicating in print doesn't permit my doing so. I will make up for my lack of traditional respect when we are able to meet in person in the future. And if you are in District #2 and are interested in learning more about receiving and giving traditional Potawatomi names, please contact me.

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho (Hello), CPN Dist. #2 Citizens,

It's been a busy time since I last wrote in early August, after the Gathering of Nations. I hope this note finds you in good health and enjoying a sun-kissed, leaf-strewn Fall.

Of course, it's been back-to-school for everyone, including our kids. That always makes life even busier. Our daughter is spending the semester in Hangzhou, China (near Shanghai) speaking Mandarin and immersing herself in Chinese culture. Our son is a junior in high school, navigating Calculus and Physics and high school generally.



Last month I also was honored to help my brother Dave with last-minute details for the inaugural Open House for his District #8 office in Olympia, Washington, and to attend the event along with his children and wonderful wife Nicole. The office is ideal for community gatherings and language and traditional craft instruction, given its size and large parking lot.

A Potawatomi-speaking linguist and a craftsman of traditional drums and moccasins both came to the Open House and offered their assistance, so the place will be hopping soon! More than 50 citizens came out for the Sunday afternoon event, so that District is on its way to building a thriving Potawatomi community.

By the way, Dave has an easy-to-navigate Web site with information on CPN benefits and events that you may find helpful: [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com).

Speaking of community-building, District #2's next event should be great fun. We will meet on Saturday, November 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the National Museum of the American Indian for a demonstration of regalia-making called "From Deerskin to Dance." This is part of the Museum's Fall Family Weekend. We'll then lunch together at the Mitsitam Café, which has delicious Native foods. After lunch, we'll be taken on a VIP tour of the Museum; Native groups get VIP treatment at the NMAI.

Postcards have been mailed to all District #2 residents for which the Nation has a mailing address, so if you haven't gotten your postcard, please e-mail me at [ecarney@potawatomi.org](mailto:ecarney@potawatomi.org) or write me at the street address below with your contact details so you will get future mailings. Please RSVP today for the November 14th event. I will be buying lunch vouchers in bulk shortly before the event and you will want to dine with us if you attend!

The Legislature met at the end of September to review and appropriate funds for the Executive's 2010 budget. We are moving forward with plans to build a first-rate hotel adjacent to the Grand Casino, among other projects. We will continue to fund, to the fullest extent of eligibility, prescription drugs for those over 60 and college and vocational school scholarships for our young people, among other benefits.

Despite the sour national economy, our Nation's financial health is very good, thanks to good stewardship and our ability to take advantage of funding sources opened up this year by the Obama

Administration (e.g., American Recovery Act funds).

Please contact me if you would like more details about the budget.

I was excited to see among the new initiatives a proposal, scaled-back from what was contemplated last year, to build an aviary to house injured eagles. This will give students of wildlife and admirers of the bird that is said to fly closest to the Creator an opportunity to observe eagles up close. It will also mean that we will no longer be dependent on the federal government for the eagle feathers that are essential to our ceremonies; eagles molt so there will plenty of feathers.

The Legislature also considered at our September meeting a number of resolutions, including a proposal to apply to move additional land into Trust, and another to admit more than 200 new citizens to our Tribal rolls. About two dozen of that total are residents of District #2, and you will be receiving a welcome letter from me shortly, if you haven't already.

I saw that the Cultural Heritage Center recently ran a contest on its Facebook page, asking folks to guess the number of CPN citizens. The winning answer technically was off by that additional 200, though I'm not suggesting the prize be taken back!

If you have a Facebook account, or are willing to sign up for one, please consider becoming a fan of the Heritage Center. You will get up-to-date information on Center events (and contests) if you do. And don't forget to "friend" your District #2 Legislator. There are quite a few of us on Facebook now, and it's another way to build our community.

Finally, my traditional closing request - please, send me your contact details. If you have e-mail, please send that. If you use regular mail, please send me a note that way. I want to hear from you so I know where you are in District #2 and am able to plan further trips out of Virginia and the District of Columbia to where you are.

Thank you for the honor of representing you, and a Happy Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day!

Megwetch,

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikan (Hello Friends):

In my September article, I advised that our trip to The Gathering of Potawatomi Nation, hosted by the Prairie Band Nation, included stops at Sugar Creek Mission and Paola Miami Museum in Kansas. Both of these areas offer excellent historical information relative to our ancestors' 61-day, 618-mile Trail of Death march from Indiana to Kansas.

We were forced from our homes as well as having to abandon the crops that had been grown to feed our families over the forthcoming winter. Our just-ripened crops were being pillaged by the white man as we were forced literally by bayonet with our leaders in chains away from our homes in Indiana.

Sugar Creek was the final stop of the march; it is where our Potawatomi forefathers and mothers arrived at the beginning of winter on November 5, 1836 without housing or food. For shelter that first winter, blankets were draped over the sides of the cliffs in the Sugar Creek area and fires were built between the blankets and the walls of the cliffs to keep everyone warm and to cook meals.

While between 40 and 50 of the Potawatomis who started the march from Indiana died and were buried en route, another 600 perished at Sugar Creek over the next several years. I have included a photo of Pat Broiler, Christina Fritchman Wright, and Curtis Wright standing in the area where numerous crosses with the names of those who died at Sugar Creek are inscribed. The crosses have been constructed in recent years so our story will not be lost in history.



Another photo shows my wife standing by the rock memorial recognizing each of the four states our ancestors were forced to march through: Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. Each rock has the name of the state it came from.



For an in-depth chronology of that march that appears to have been designed to eliminate many of us, you should read "The Last Black Robe from Indiana and Potawatomi Trail of Death" by John William McMullen. It gives the details on how our families struggled, in cold rainy weather and at times, in deep snow with no footwear. The soldiers accompanying them knew that the wagons that had limited provisions for the trip held new footwear, but none was given out until many days after the initial need arose. Frostbite, the flu, pneumonia, and complete exhaustion were common, but our ancestors were prodded on like cattle, with no mercy given for those dying as they walked through the rugged bitter cold terrain!

Mothers, who had just given birth, were forced to literally immediately pick up their newborn and continue walking. Some of the mothers perished within days of the delivery of their infants. Stops were made briefly to bury those who died which included infants, elders, and those weakened by the long trek.

A French priest, Father Benjamin Petit, accompanied our tribe on this horrific journey. Although he was on horseback, he also became fatally ill during the trip. Shortly after arriving at Sugar Creek, he returned to the East and died within a few months.

The Catholic Church sent three nuns to



help our ancestors through their transition period after arriving at Sugar Creek. One of them, Sister Philippine Duchesne, along with the other two had a log cabin built; it was used as a school for the Potawatomi girls.

Sugar Creek has many markers erected, which include signage and 14 Stations of the Cross in the woods. Here is a photo of Station 1. I have photos of all 14. If you desire to have a copy, simply contact me by e-mail, and I will send them to you.



For a wonderful write-up and more pictures on Sugar Creek, you can go to Google and search for "Sugar Creek, Kansas." Select "Sugar Creek Mission." The link will take you directly to the article.

In the event you are ever near Paola, Kansas, I suggest you see if you can get out to Sugar Creek. The Paola Miami Museum is nearby and worth visiting. They have many artifacts from Sugar

Creek and several other areas our ancestors inhabited. I have included a picture of a "Clovis" hand tool that dates to around 14,000 Before Christ that is in their museum. They have wagons and many antiques along with pottery shards, buttons, etc from the area.



Before closing, let me again say that the book "The Last Black Robe from Indiana and Potawatomi Death March" is very factual and was used as a reference for some of the details I have included in this column. I recommend it to anyone who wants to know more about our history.

I am greatly honored to be your representative and wish to serve you well. I still have e-mail addresses for only about 10% of you who reside in District #3. There are notices I send out each month about events, happenings, scholarships, HUB bids, and invitations that can only go out that way due to time constraints. If you're not getting these notices, please send me your e-mail address, and I'll include you in the distribution of this information.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

As many of you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I thought I would use my column this month to remind all the women to be sure to get a screening. Don't forget, men, that 1% of all breast cancer cases are diagnosed in men.

I was approached recently by a friend and survivor to sit on the Brace Against Race Cancer Foundation Board. The board is attempting to reach out to educate minority women about services available

to them. I was asked as a legislator for the tribe and as a mother of two minority daughters who have a history of breast cancer in their family. Both my mother and my mother-in-law had breast cancer, so we are very aware of the need for screening.

Native American women have a lower rate of cancer - 32 out of every 100,000 women - compared to white women who have an instance of 112 out of every 100,000. However, the five-year breast cancer survival rate is lower for Native

American women than all other ethnic groups. The five-year survival rate is 49% for American Indians compared to 84% for white women. Please check out "Breast Health Online" for additional breast cancer statistics.

The RABC is based in Topeka but also serves the six counties that surround Shawnee County. The guideline for a mammogram at no cost is income no more than 250% of poverty level. If you need assistance, please contact me. I will direct you where to call. We can also help with referrals after a diagnosis to get you the care you need

In other news, I am moving my legislative office to Topeka in Seabrook Shopping at 20th and Gage. Look for notification in your mail of an open house. I hope to meet many of you there and see many of you again.



Please send me your e-mail address to TAdame@Potawatomi.org to be added to my list for CPN updates.  
Theresa Adame

## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho,

The seasons are upon us. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year will move in and out in the next 60 days. I tell people we should just leave the Christmas tree up all year because it goes by so quickly. What follows is "Every day is Christmas." It really is ... well, for some.

We become more and more aware of our loved ones and the holidays of the past. It is a very emotional time for the best of families.

I am made aware of the children in need of families and the heartache it creates for those who cannot spend that time with their biological family. There is never a direct line faring out the whys. It doesn't matter. The pain and separation are there.

It took me almost a year to get a license for foster care in the State of Arizona. Requirements will vary state to state.

This is a cry for help for those who do not have a voice. They are not old enough to vote, and no one hears their cry for acknowledgement

There are more than 600,000 Native American children in the foster care system today. The likelihood of a Native American child entering the system is a 2 to 1 ratio.

There were more than 36,000 reports of child abuse in 2006 in Arizona for foster children - and those numbers are rising. California had the top - worst - mark with more than 41,000 children entering the foster care system in one year's time.



This isn't a story about feed-the-children-in Europe-or-Ethiopia. It is in your backyard. It is your neighbors and friends.

I spoke with CPN Indian Child Welfare Program Director Janet Draper very recently, and she has been heading up a task force to bring in more Native American families to try to meet the frightening rise in numbers.

If you can help, you can reach her at 800-880-9880. You can also reach me at 480-668-0509 or e-mail at EuniceILambert@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved. If you can help one child, we can lower the national statistics that threaten the future of our children.

The following was pulled from the Pew Charitable Trust documents on Native American Foster Children in the Americas.

**American Indian Children  
Overrepresented in Nation's Foster  
Care System, New Report Finds**



Washington, D.C. - 11/19/2007 - American Indian and Alaskan Native children are overrepresented in the nation's foster care system at more than 1.6 times the expected level, according to a new report by the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and the national, non-partisan Kids Are Waiting campaign, a project of The Pew Charitable Trusts. Yet, tribal governments are excluded from some of the largest

#### sources of federal child welfare funding.

Our first concern is the children of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. If you want to help or know another Native American family member who would be willing to go that extra mile, you can help them help us help our children.

Megwetch,  
Gene Lambert  
Legislator, District #5

## District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho, Nikanek,

I hope this submission finds you and your families doing well. Our region continues to offer classes free of charge in the following subjects:

- Language
- Culture
- GED Prep
- Introduction to Tribal Gaming
- History of Tribal Gaming
- Gaming Theory
- Gaming Law
- Resume Development

If you are interested in these topics please contact me at 760-617-1597 or by e-mail at [ron\\_goyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_goyer@hotmail.com) to set up an appointment. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Fall is here; it is time for the Second Annual Fall Feast. A large number of people attended last year's feast. I hope this event continues to bring in ever larger numbers of Potawatomis, local tribal members, and local governmental community leaders. We hope to continue this local regional tradition that gives everyone attending a time to be together and enjoy good food and good company.

On Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., I am honored to host our next event for District #6. Please join us for our Second annual "Fall Feast." The following will be provided: turkey,



rolls, and an assortment of pies. In accordance with Potawatomi tradition, we are asking that side dishes such as vegetables, potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. (or any of your family's traditional dishes) be provided, pot-luck style.

Please RSVP for the event via phone at 760-617-1597 or e-mail at [ron\\_goyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_goyer@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you and your families!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the event, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Citizen Potawatomi Nation

## Frapp Family Reunion 2010

At the 2010 CPN Family Reunion Festival, the Frapp Family will be one the honored families. Attempting to gather a large turnout of Frapp family members, George Adamietz, a member of the Frapp family, has created an e-mail account for people to ask questions and to help them make arrangements to attend Festival 2010. The e-mail address is [FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com](mailto:FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com). Please feel free to ask any questions about the Festival or the Frapp family. Thank you so much.

## District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

The early signs of fall are here in the Northern Part of California. The trees have taken a sudden change of color, but I'm still trying to understand how last Sunday, October 5, it was 101 degrees and this Sunday, October 12, it will be lucky to break 60?

I hope that everyone in District 7 is taking advantage of the cultural events and powwows in their areas. The town I live in has recently renewed its annual powwow after its having been cancelled nine years ago. I can hardly wait to hear the dance drum. I hope you all take advantage of the many events that are available to us all. You might even meet a Potawatomi Princess from Kansas like I did at last year's event. There are many things going on almost all the time. Take a moment and check them out.

The legislature has just recently met and approved the latest budget as well as several other issues. Every year, I find out how much I need to learn regarding the running of this nation. The budget was 281 pages long and took hours to get through. It is truly a monumental task, and I offer my thanks to the many department heads and directors who worked on this budget.

I am trying to slip one more fishing trip in before winter. The weatherman says the incoming storm will be a good one - several inches of much-needed rain, and snow at the higher elevations. I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer and took advantage of going back to Oklahoma in June for Festival or to Kansas in August for The Gathering of Potawatomi Nations.

The next Gathering of Nations will be hosted by the CPN in 2010. Check your



calendar and try to make it back. It is a wonderful experience that is hard to beat. Better yet, try to make both the Heritage Festival and the Gathering!

Remember, we legislators need feedback from you, the tribal members. Contact us; give us contact info for you as well as your family members. Let us know what you think and what you'd like to see from your government at work.

Remember to get your flu shot this year. Hopefully, there is an Indian Health Services office near you. Call them and check, in my area, the shots are free. They are a good thing for the youngsters and seniors, as they seem to be the hardest hit by flu.

Take care and be well.

Megwetch,  
Rep. Thom Finks  
District #7, CPN

## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Nikan -

There has been a great deal happening in District #8 this fall.

On September 29, we had a well-attended Open House to christen the new District Office in Olympia. Potawatomis came from Oregon, Washington, and even Alaska. According to the feedback I've received, everyone enjoyed the event and felt it was worthwhile.

We had approximately 55 people attend throughout the day, and I value meeting

and visiting with everyone. There were food, family, giveaways, and a door prize, which tribal member Bob Steele of Pasco, Washington won. Please visit [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com) for photos of the event.

Thank you to all attendees for sharing your families with me. My wife, Nicole, and our four children had a great time interacting with you and your children. The office is really designed to be a place where the citizens of District 8 can gather, have small meetings, participate in a



scheduled craft or language class, or borrow a book on the history of our Nation.

If you are a member of District 8 and want your own CPN-related gathering there, please feel free to let me know. I'll get you a key and help you coordinate it. Also, if you'd just like to see the office and visit you can contact me to set that up.

I am sending out a survey to all the members in District 8 for whom I have contact information. The members who attended the open house filled one of these out in order to participate in the open house drawing – so I already have quite a few responses. Its purpose is to determine the priorities of the members as we move forward.

From what I have, it looks like many Potawatomis are interested in learning more about our heritage and their genealogy and in bringing our language back. If I have a mailing address for you, please look for the survey in your mailbox. If I have your e-mail address (and you received an invitation to the Open House via e-mail) please look for it there.

If you have not been contacted by me, but are interested, please go to my contact page on [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com). There, you can find many ways to reach me and request your survey. Results will be put together and published in November. Your individual priorities or comments will be anonymous and your participation is welcome.

Perhaps most important, I am contacting the Indian Health Service facilities in all of the states in District 8 and speaking to them about seeing our people. With the current economic crisis and healthcare front and center in the national news, this is one of my top priorities. I am not a healthcare provider myself, or an expert on Indian Health Services, but I want to do the legwork for you and ask the basic ques-



tions.

I have developed a list in progress on my Web site (under the 'Clinic' tab) of the clinic locations and what they require to see and treat our people. Please feel free to contact me with questions and please look at the "instruction" line for each facility; each one is unique.

If you have received services in our district and would like to communicate with me about your experiences, I would welcome that and could share your knowledge with other members.

Lastly, I would like to thank Dr. Steven Lynch of Beaverton, Oregon for a tremendous gift. Steve crafted a beautiful ceremonial eagle wing fan complete with portraits of Josette Vieau and Soloman Juneau, my ancestors. This is a priceless gift and I am honored to receive it and display it in the district office.

Megwetch,  
Dave Carney,  
Legislator – District #8



## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Hello, my friends.

**Another CPN legislative session has come and gone.** I take pride in the great things that we are accomplishing for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I thank you for your support and the confidence in me to legislate on your behalf. I am always willing to hear from you about things that you want to see accomplished. You can reach me at [RepPaul@gmail.com](mailto:RepPaul@gmail.com).

I would like to share two Resolutions, one less significant and one very significant, that demonstrate the diverse scope and variety of the bills and resolutions that come before our legislature. I did not author these resolutions but I made the motion to approve them.

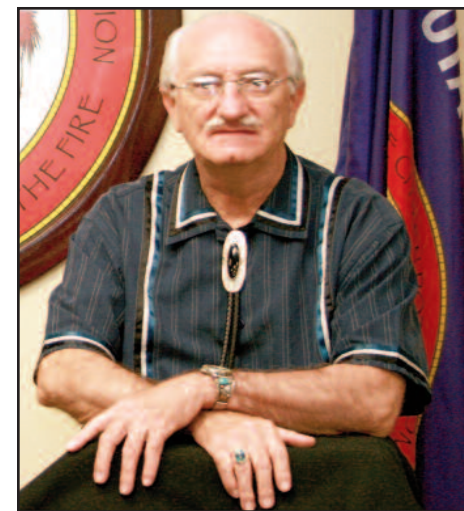
**Resolution 10-20-J&PS** is yet another opportunity for us to provide a local law enforcement agency with a vehicle from our fleet. The Resolution reads: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION, that a resolution approving the donation of a used patrol car to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff and the Town of Maud, Oklahoma is hereby approved."

Since our legislature was created, we have provided a number of used patrol cars to surrounding small communities. This may seem like a small thing, but the towns are very grateful. This reduces crime in their communities and demonstrates that Potawatomis care about our region.

Now, a big thing: **Resolution 10-25-ED&C** reads in part: "CPN proposes 'to reopen the railroad line from Shawnee to McAlester, Oklahoma. The reopening of this line will connect one of the most impoverished regions of the United States with the commercial center of Oklahoma and will provide numerous well-paying jobs for local residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rail project will meet three primary goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: (1) to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; (2) to invest in transpiration infrastructure that will provide long-term benefits; and (3) to assist those most impacted by the current economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, the reopening of the rail line will feed the proposed CPN Industrial Park and will also result in significant cost savings for business located along the line



and in fuel efficiencies, thereby reducing oil dependency, truck traffic, and greenhouse emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION that a resolution authorizing the submission of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation IS HEREBY APPROVED.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by act of the resolution and consistent with the separation of powers defined in the Constitution, if awarded, an appropriation of \$46,000.000 from the TIGER grant (or other applicable accounts) for the implementation, negotiation, operation, enforcement, procurement, settlement, and/or completion of this contract, compact, regulation, or agreement by the Tribal Chairman or his designee IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED."

Now that is significant! As a State Representative, we in the Oklahoma Legislature had an opportunity to buy this rail line but, because of the current economic situation, were unable to make the commitment. I believe then as now that Oklahoma could have made an excellent investment and garnered a significant monetary return had we gone forth.

So now, if approved by the U.S. government, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation stands to gain on this investment. The approval or disapproval will most likely come in two or three months.

**And so, another CPN legislative session has come and gone.** I can hardly wait for the next one to see how we can significantly advance our tribal nation.



## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

I want to thank our CPN budget preparers for their hard work and understanding what was involved in getting the 2010 budget to the Executive team, who also spent a lot of time reviewing, changing, reducing or increasing (as appropriate) all aspects of the budget for the Government programs and the tribe's Enterprises. After this process was completed, the budget was forwarded to the legislators for review and an opportunity to respond with questions concerning the budget.

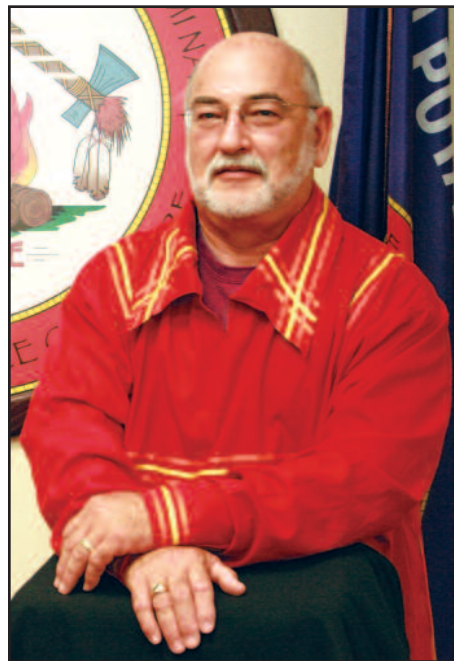
I want to express my thanks to Vice Chairman Linda Capps for responding in-depth to the numerous questions (mainly on the Enterprises budget) that I forwarded to her. When she responded by phone after securing the in-depth answers, I was comforted with the why and how they were handled in the budget.

A budget is always a work-in-progress, using the best knowledge based on the most recent information moving it into the future for a year. I've always been told that the only dumb question is the unasked question; therefore, I do look closely at budget details and question any I need more information about. This is my responsibility to you, my constituents nationwide. I want all to be right with our budget process.

I have another concern to share with the Potawatomis. It centers on how careful each of us is in protecting our own credit. Do you know what identity theft is and how real it really is?

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the U.S. with more than nine million victims last year alone. Did you know that the latest celebrated victim was our Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke? The loss to businesses and individual victims was \$53 billion. On average, the thief misused the victim's personal information to obtain money or goods or services valued at \$10,200.00. Only one in 10 victims report that he was aware that his personal information had been taken before discovering he was a victim of identity theft, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Identity theft can strike anyone, especially if you shop online or have credit cards because many of the top U.S. retailers have had their databases hacked into within the past three years.



But, how do they get the information? Some are old-fashioned, like going through your garbage cans, getting your bank statements or credit cards bills, etc. However, with our high-tech methods, thieves are hacking into company databases where customer records are stored, or installing spyware onto computers to capture the information that is transmitted between companies and their customers. Sometimes, thieves will find someone inside a company or government agency who has access to confidential information and will pay that person to provide it.

What does the thief do with the information, such as your name and address, social security number, and credit cards and bank accounts numbers?

1. He will obtain new credit cards in your name, but have them sent to his address. He will use the credit cards until the fraud is detected.

2. He will sign up for services, particularly cell phones service, in your name.

3. He will open new bank accounts in your name and proceed to write checks.

Experts agree that the most effective preventative measure is to check your credit report regularly and try a monitoring service that immediately notifies you whenever there is a suspicious credit activity.

Just as auto insurance is a requirement for daily life, identity protection is a necessity these days. My son uses Lifelock, but I'm not endorsing any company. What I

am saying is that he had to use a service like this on different occasions when people with similar names and social security numbers were entered on his credit report.

The top five identity theft protection services for 2009 are Trusted I.D., Lifelock, Protect My I.D., I.D. Watchdog, and Identity Guard.

Treat your personal information with utmost care. This will give you more comfort for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Megwetch,

David Barrett/Mnedobe  
Legislature, District #10

## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

On September 30, our tribal legislature passed a \$279 million dollar operating budget for the new fiscal year. Having begun in committees at 5:30, our quarterly legislative session almost carried over into the next day. For Representative Eva Carney on the east coast, it literally did.

No matter what the time of day, talk about multi-million dollar tribal budgets can make your mind wonder with possibilities. It can be easy to forget that for every dollar gained along the way, someone had to fight for what he believed in to get it: be it a tribal member with a specific need, a program director with a plan, or a tribal leader on a mission. We legislators, regardless of districts, are extremely grateful of our tribal membership for expressing their needs and, in turn, giving us direction.

We thank the department directors who, year after year, formulate public service budgets within the context of our compacts and federally negotiated annual funding agreements (AFA). This year our AFA with Indian Health Service is \$21 million and our Bureau of Indian Affairs AFA is \$14 million. We thank the staff and tribal negotiators in self-governance for following federal allocations and spending throughout the year to know what stones to turn at our tribal-federal AFA negotiations.

We also have a total of \$32 million in active federal contracts and grants this year. Two decades ago, we were just a recipient of federal services. Today, we are a leading services provider thanks to our executive leaders: Chairman Rocky Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, and Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale. Not only do they provide tireless administrative work, they advocate relentlessly on our behalf as Indian people.

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Since becoming a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) back in the 1940s at its inception, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been represented. Also on September 30, our



legislature unanimously approved the annual renewal of our NCAI membership. I can't imagine where our tribal Nation would be if the Chairman and Vice Chairman Capps had not invested hundreds of hours at NCAI conferences over the last 25 years. As a member of NCAI, our executive leaders ensure that the needs of the Citizen Potawatomi people are always brought before federal lawmakers.

Tribal leaders from across America convene at NCAI venues throughout the year. Leaders and their senior staff interface with White House aides, nationally recognized attorneys and firms, federal administrators, and secretaries of federal agencies. Collectively, tribal leaders work through NCAI to provide a united voice on law-making and rulemaking in Indian Country.

As our Chairman meets with his peers at NCAI again this week, he will be representing our tribal family's stake in the future. If you would like to see the range of topics discussed at NCAI, please visit [www.NCAI.org](http://www.NCAI.org).

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

Lisa

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## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, nikan!

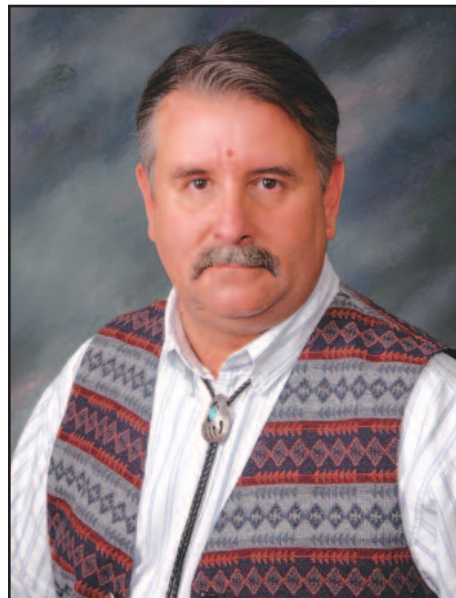
I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and spirits. Well, last month we met to approve the budget for the Nation. As I stated last in my last article, it's amazing how big we have become. I suspect that is fortunate given the current economic woes the country is experiencing. Our size and diversity have helped with weathering this storm.

Some might suggest that we are just lucky – well, maybe, to some degree. I tend to think it has as much to do with the long-range vision the leadership has taken on. We have discussed many different avenues we could pursue over the years. Many of our current programs have come from tribal members. But, most have been the vision of our leadership.

There's a grand scheme out there for where we hope to be. Some of these pieces have fallen in our laps. Most have been the result of many long days trying to come up with a solution to these problems. I have been privileged to walk with our leaders for quite some time now. I have seen and experienced the long days they have worked almost every day.

While we still have quite a few more hurdles to jump, I am thankful for what has been accomplished so far. Know that we are still striving to accomplish all the things that need to be done. With diligence, we will get there.

The holiday season is upon us. I always look forward to this time of year. Seeing friends and family is always enjoyable. But, just as important to me is the changing of the seasons. I have been lucky



enough to enjoy the summer, even though all I seemed to get done was painting the house.

With fall, I get to slow down a bit and appreciate nature some. This time of year, it seems Mother Nature has all the little critters stocking up for winter. The squirrels are loading up on nuts; deer are trying to put on a layer of fat. I can spend a day watching the leaves fall; well, I could if my wife would let me, anyway. With the door-to-door candy day coming (as I write), I will get to see plenty of goblins and fairy princesses soon also.

I hope all of you are doing well and have a nice fall. As always, it is both a privilege and honor to serve our Nation. Megwetch!

Paul Schmidlkofer

## Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

What a great fall season we are having here in Oklahoma! We have had quite a lot of rain and are still enjoying very mild temperatures for this late in the season. Fall is also a very busy time for us at the Nation. One of the most important functions is the budget process.

I call it a process because it is so much more than just a vote to pass the budget. Each of our directors at the Nation works with the accounting department and the Executive branch of our government to establish as realistic a budget as possible

so that we can operate our government as efficiently as possible. This process takes many, many hours of hard work to just prepare the budget before the legislature votes on any kind of approval.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who worked on this budget preparation for the tribe. We have many very talented people who work at the Nation, and they continue to make the budget process better and better. I would like to especially thank the accounting department for pulling all the numbers together so that we could get a complete

understanding of all our programs and enterprises. Finally, I would like to thank the legislators for their hard work and diligence in approving the budget.

If you have comments or suggestions for our Nation, please don't hesitate to contact me or your representative in the Legislature. I can tell you first-hand that we have very sincere and caring people representing us in the Nation's legislature. Please take advantage of having your voice heard.

I am pleased to report that our enterprises continue to perform well, despite a much slower economy. We are blessed to be in Oklahoma, where the economy is faring better than the national average. We are also blessed to have the people who work at the Nation; they truly make a difference.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation, please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your



Nations administration as your Secretary-Treasurer.

Megwetch,  
D. Wayne Trousdale/*NETEMGIWSE*  
Secretary / Treasurer

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

This article contains a little bit of golden tribal history. It focuses on the year 2000 and the significant impact that year brought to the development of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The Nation began construction on a huge project - building the largest stand-alone grocery store in the area. To date, there has been no other grocery store built in our surrounding area or in all of Indian Country throughout the United States that compares to the magnitude of FireLake Discount Foods.

Prior to building the grocery store, the concept had been in discussion for years. The fact that the plans were completed and construction was underway on the 86,000-square-foot facility seemed like a dream to our then five-member Business Committee of Chairman John Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committee Members Hilton Melot and J.P. Motley, and myself as Vice Chairman. It was a year of anticipation about moving toward economic stability and a period of "thinking outside the box" for future development.

Simultaneous to building FireLake Discount Foods, other activity was buzzing at the Nation. Preparations were being made early in the year for the Second Annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation Heritage Festival. The first festival had been such a tremendous success that it was evident the Nation could expect record



numbers of tribal members at headquarters for the festival in June. Plans were underway in January to accommodate the throng of family members who would be gathering for the annual event. The prospect of so many tribal members coming home was, indeed, exciting!

This was also the year that our tribal leaders understood the impact the annual family festival would have on this Nation for future generations. In addition, the tribal leaders realized that new and innovative ways to provide services to meet tribal members' expectations for future festivals would be a challenge.

This brings me to the most important project of the year 2000 and a main feature



of this article - production of photo ID cards for tribal members. This new product would certainly be welcomed by tribal members at home and across the United States. It sounds simple today, but nearly ten years ago it was quite a feat to get the right people, adequate software, and the proper plan to initiate a process for meeting requests for a couple of thousand photo ID cards in a relatively short time. That is what would happen when the next annual festival rolled around.

During the fall of 2000, several Saturday dates were set aside for CPN members to visit Tribal Headquarters at 1601 Gordon Cooper to have their first picture ID enrollment cards issued. The first date, October 21, was a monumental event for the Nation because our tribe was among the first of the larger tribes in Oklahoma to issue the coveted picture IDs.

The Nation contracted with Wendell Franks from Colorado to develop the software and provide the materials to begin the processing. Special events during the weekdays for tribal members to visit for this purpose were also scheduled.

A full nine years have now passed since the initial issuance of the photo cards. Although the picture IDs have been of utmost importance to our tribal members, some might think there are too few photos in the tribal rolls database in comparison to the massive outreach that we have conducted throughout the years. Please keep in mind, that our tribal rolls staff has traveled to regional and district meetings to take photos and produce ID cards on the spot during these nine years. Since 2006, the tribal rolls department has been producing the cards with magnetic strips, which can be used in future applications for discounts and promotions.

To date, tribal rolls director Charles Clark reports there are 9,855 active members with photos in the tribal rolls database. That is approximately 35 percent of

our total population of 28,210 members. Twenty-four percent of the tribal members (or 6,859) hold photo ID cards with the magnetic strips.

When I first began researching the tribal roll photo ID information, I was a bit disappointed that we did not have more tribal members with photo IDs. However, as I ponder the totals, I realize that the effort has been supreme and the results somewhat satisfactory. The good news is that it is not too late to be issued a photo ID! Forms can be obtained by accessing the Web site at Potawatomi.org and clicking on Tribal Rolls. Forms can also be requested by calling the tribal rolls department at 405-878-5835 or 800-880-9880. Instruction will be given for the proper size and type of photos to submit with your request information. Basically, a high-quality photograph is needed, with a solid, light-colored background. It should be a straight-on face shot, with no hats, sunglasses, or other people or pets in the photo.

Therefore, the year 2000 was definitely important to our Nation, just like so many other years in which we have grown, progressed, learned, and implemented nation-building. FireLake Discount Foods continues to be the "rock" of the grocery business in our area; our Nation continues to find new and innovative services for our tribal members each year at festival time; and tribal rolls still practices quality control with continuous improvement of the member photo ID cards.

If you do not have a tribal photo ID, please consider ordering one today. After all, a tribal photo ID is not just a means of identification, it is a treasure of which most CPN tribal members are extremely proud.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman,  
Linda Capps

were a bunch of Dodger fans because of Duke Snider, Gil Hodges, Roy Campanella, Johnny Podres, and Jackie Robinson.

I mean, they stopped class at Wilson Elementary School here in Shawnee and brought in "the radio" to the classroom. You could taste the excitement. We had all missed Game 6 on Monday and the whispering about the score passed on by our friend Carl the Custodian listening in his supply closet was disruptive to the point that the Principal decided to let us all listen to Game 7 – plus my teacher was a Dodgers fan.

The radio was a big wooden one with its own cart, and it had glowing tubes visible behind the dial and a huge speaker about 14" wide. I was a "radio kid" because, in 1955, television was in poor quality black and white. The pictures in my head of the game over the radio were in vivid color! I could see the smiling color picture on the baseball card of each player as his name was mentioned on the radio. The Dodgers won it 2 to 0 after a miracle catch by a newly-substituted left-handed Dodger left fielder, Sandy Amoros. He made a running one-handed catch of Yogi Berra's long fly ball in the eighth inning.

With the Yankee batters coming up in the ninth, I knew the Yanks were cooked - first Dodgers World Series win since WWI.

That was a time when the games were played in a row, no days off. Pitchers like Johnny Podres pitched the entire game, and no kid believed the rumors about players, like the new Yankees pitcher, Don Larsen, drinking before the game. Heck, we believed what Casey Stengel said after Larsen fell face down in the hotel lobby at 9 a.m. before the game: "He musta gone out to mail a letter." These guys were heroes, and it was a game. So, that's all about baseball in this column. Thanks for the memories.



Here at the Nation, we are beginning several projects influenced by the federal money coming to us from the Obama Administration economic stimulus funds, added to prior plans to improve our existing businesses. The new Tribal Youth Center with a 24-lane bowling facility is underway, plans for the new Dale/McLoud area Clinic are finalized, and contractors are bidding for the work. Construction will begin on the pavilion covers over the Putt-Putt Miniature Golf and the Child Development Center playgrounds next week.

Financing guarantees from the Business Development branch of the BIA are being applied for to build the new Grand Casino Hotel, and the new FireLake Arena behind the grocery store. Digging is well underway for the new geothermal cooling pond for FireLake Entertainment Center and the Arena. The dirt removed for the pond is the building pad for the bowling alley and parking lot.

We are soon to have some amazing new technical features available to serve the communications needs of the Nation – an Adobe software "server" that will let us share files with you, and a virtual online "university" that will let you access the Language Department, Heritage Center, and several government activities on iTunes and any device like an iPod or iPhone. Look for it soon; the technology is amazing and should be much easier to use.

Election filings for the Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer are coming in January, as they for are three seats in the Tribal Legislature. Please re-elect Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale.

Linda Capps is absolutely invaluable for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Her

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikanek, (Hello, my friends),

With Halloween in two days and Thanksgiving nearly here, can you believe the World Series is in just Game 2 at the end of October?!! As a child, I believed that baseball had to end in September so football could start. The exception was the World Series. Please indulge me just this once on remembering old baseball, if you are not a fan, because when I was a kid

growing up, the World Series was IT.

Shawnee was a St. Louis Cardinals town, with KGFF (the Tribe's radio station, now) broadcasting the Cards' games since 1945. Harry Caray's play-by-play and patented shout: "It might be.. It could be.. It Is.. Holy Cow, a home run!!!

For the World Series most everyone was a Yankee fan because of Mickey Mantle from Commerce, Oklahoma. But, there





breadth of knowledge and 18 years of experience, plus her incredible work ethic, are essential for our continued progress. Her tireless compassion and dedication to the needs of our women, children, disadvantaged, and troubled are at the heart of our Tribe. We need her to continue, please.

D. Wayne Trousdale brings more than just eight years of experience in office. He is a very successful businessman with wide contacts in the financial world that have helped us a great deal. His conservative stewardship of the Nation's money has proven to be visionary in light of our financial health while many other tribes and governments operate in the red. We need for D. Wayne to stay in office, please.

The two California/Nevada seats in the Tribal Legislature are both up for candidate filings in January. I hope any of you who are interested and qualified will

inquire about the qualifications and duties necessary for the job before running for office. Please call me or send an e-mail if you would like to hear my opinions on what the job requires. I encourage you to contact Linda Capps and D. Wayne Trousdale, as well. Of course, they are candidates themselves, and are aware of the political risks of advising other candidates.

The District #8 seat is also up, so soon after the lengthy election and run-off this summer. I hope you give Representative Dave Carney a chance to establish his office by giving him a full term. The Oklahoma seats that are up are very capably served now, I hope that continues to be so.

Several of you have contacted me about the judiciary's reappointment process. The Constitution provides that a Judge may choose to seek re-election to another six

years of office. The only way he will have an opponent in that election is by appointment by the Tribal Legislature. All of us in the Tribal Legislature are thankful for the high level of input from many of you about your desires for these Judges. We urge you to consider the issue of Citizen

Potawatomi judicial appointments based on qualifications and experience, not just membership. That has served us well in the past.

Megwetch,  
John 'Rocky' Barrett/*Keweoge*

### ***Letter of Thanks, con't from page 13***

and tribulations through a very terrible time in my life, I give you my thanks, love, and great respect always.

With Deepest Regards,  
Cynthia Butler/CPN member  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

*(Editor's note: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program has a wide variety of training and job-search services available to Native Americans in Pottawatomie and neighboring counties. To learn more about*

*these services, call Employment and Training at 405-598-0797, visit the E&T office on Walnut, just east of the stoplight in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, or visit the E&T page on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org).)*

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# Potawatomi Cornerstone: The Beaver Wars, Part 1/Prelude

by Charles Clark

The Beaver Wars, also known as the French and Iroquois Wars, were fought east of the Great Lakes area. This was among the most brutal series of intermittent battles in North American history. In their attempt to monopolize the fur trade, the Iroquois Confederacy began an aggressive campaign to expand their territory and assume the role of the dominant “middleman” in the region.

The Iroquois Confederacy consisted of a number of united tribes that hunted and farmed together. Some historical references point to the Mohawks as the leaders. Other references claim it was the Onondaga who were in charge. Other Confederacy members included the Seneca, Oneida, and Cayuga.

They were, as one author put it, “a racial island among their Algonquin-speaking neighbors.”

The Iroquois had two major advantages over the Algonquins: they farmed and were able to store food for winter and be prepared for lean times when their neighbors were not; and they began training their youth in the ways of war from a “Spartan” point of conviction that allowed them a great amount of stability and security against the overwhelming numbers of the Algonquians.

The first battle began in the early 1640s and continued until 1667, when the Iroquois sued for peace. However, that peace was short-lived. The war reignited in 1683, when Governor Louis de Buade, Comete de Frontenac, in his desire to increase his own wealth, adopted a more hard-line approach against the Iroquois. This second wave of hostilities lasted nearly 15 years, until 1698, when peace among the parties was finally made.

The events that led to the war go back to the mid 1500s. Jacques Cartier recorded his encounters with the Iroquois, known as the Stadaconans, who lived in fortified villages in the St. Lawrence River valley in the 1540s. At that time, the Iroquois were at war with the Toudamans. These hostilities along with the politics of the area stalled the French effort to colonize the area for nearly 60 years.

The French returned in 1601, only to find Stadacona and Hochelaga, the villages that Jacques Cartier visited years earlier,



*This is an artist's depiction of the 1609 battle between Samuel de Champlain and his forces and the Iroquois.*

abandoned. It had been theorized that a rogue Iroquois confederacy was behind the attacks, or quite possibly the Algonquins. But, no evidence has been found to verify these claims. To this day, no one knows who drove the Stadaconans away.

Generations of fighting among the tribes had left an ongoing blood feud that lasted in the valley all this time. When Samuel de Champlain and his fellow explorers rowed up to the shore of the village of Tadoussac on the St. Lawrence River in March 1603, he was immediately greeted by Chief Begourat of the Montagnais. Champlain forged a friendship with Begourat who in turn introduced him to the Hurons and Algonquins.

However, these tribes wasted no time before trying to recruit him and his men as mercenaries against the Iroquois.

This was Champlain's first trip to the North American continent. He was part of a fur-trading expedition led by Francois Grave' Du Pont, under the command of King Henry. The purpose of the trip was to re-establish fur-trading with the local tribes after Pierre de Chauvin gave up his position a year earlier. In turn, this would help the French establish permanent settlements in the area.

Champlain had studied Jacques Cartier's maps and notes on the area detailing his encounters with the local tribes 60 years earlier. Champlain was determined to continue Cartier's exploration, but

would have to wait.

He left after a few short months in September of that year to report to King Henry. Champlain's findings and assessment got him another expedition that sailed back to 'New France' in the spring of 1604. Unlike his first trip, this one was undertaken without women and children.

Over the next few years, Champlain established settlements at Saint Croix Island and Port Royal. These encampments were later abandoned, however. He continued exploring the eastern sea coast until 1608 when he established the Habitation, a small fortification that included three two-story cabins that would grow to become Quebec City, Canada.

Champlain continued his alliance with the Hurons and Algonquins for commercial purposes only. Canadian Indians were the main source of pelts for the French, with the latter working hard to forge a peaceful and profitable accord. However, by 1609, the Iroquois had become an encroaching threat against the fur trade.

During this time, the Dutch had established several trading posts in the Hudson region; becoming allies with the Iroquois. As the Dutch became more successful in their trade they were able to obtain more firearms and more efficient hunting and trapping tools, with which they aided the Iroquois to further strengthen their alliance and, thus, their profit.

Though the number of firearms and

trapping tools was limited, their introduction greatly accelerated the decline of the beaver population in the valley. This scarcity resulted in a severe loss of profits for the Dutch, displacing the Iroquois in their role of middleman.

The English, too, had established friendly relations with the Iroquois to compete against the French. They, too, were threatened by the shortage. The Iroquois' need to expand their hunting grounds to maintain their dominance in the region was a welcome relief for all parties involved. Not only was the Dutch and English commercial territory destined to expand, using the Iroquois as pawns, but their influence would expand as well.

The center of Iroquois fur trade began to move North, threatening French commerce, and creating an unstable living environment for the Algonquin, Huron, and other northern tribes. Their expansion was aggressive, forcing many of the tribes to retreat from fertile hunting grounds.

The northern tribes demanded that Champlain help them with the Iroquois threat if he wanted to maintain his alliance with them. Champlain set out with nine of his men and an escort of 300 Indians down the Richelieu River in July of 1609 in search of the Iroquois.

With no encounters along the way to what is now Lake Champlain, most of the party headed back. Champlain wanted to stay and map the lake, becoming the first European to do so. All but two of his soldiers and 30 Indians remained.

Eventually, Champlain and his group encountered a group of Iroquois believed to number close to 200. The next day, on July 29, Champlain would do battle with them.

The attack happened in an open field near the lake shore, believed to be near present-day Crown Point and Ticonderoga, New York. During this time, most Iroquois had probably never seen a firearm, much less experienced its destructive force.

Champlain hid behind his Indian allies. His two men took to the bushes for cover. As the two groups approached each other, the Algonquin's split apart, That exposed Champlain and caused excitement for the Iroquois, who probably had never seen a White before.

One of the guides pointed out the three



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chiefs who led the group. Champlain fired his weapon killing one of the chiefs and wounding the two others. Champlain's men emerged from behind the bushes and opened fire, killing the two wounded chiefs. The majority of the Mohawks became rattled and retreated into the woods. Those who remained were fired upon with a second volley of ball-shot. A few were picked off, sending the brave remainder back into the woods as well. This was the catalyst that set the stage for future French and Iroquois relations.

Champlain used the harquebus, a heavy portable matchlock gun with a portable mount. The harquebus was an early muzzle-loaded rifle. It was more accurate and quicker to reload than a crossbow, but also posed a danger to the user. The harquebus used a lot of gunpowder and required a match to light the fuse. It was not uncommon for fumbling hands in the heat of battle to light the gunman's own bag of gunpowder, or a comrade's, accidentally. There was also a tendency for the rifle to heat up, causing the barrel to clog and explode.

In 1610, the Dutch built several trading posts along the northern border of Iroquois territory. This allowed the Dutch easier, quicker access to receive pelts from the Iroquois as they expanded their territory. The more pelts they were able to trade, the more hunting tools and weapons the Dutch were able to receive. This was the case for the English, as well.

In the following years, Champlain's crew, along with his allies, successfully raided Iroquois camps using the lethal harquebus, keeping the Iroquois from expanding too far into the Huron and Algonquin hunting grounds. Unfortunately, fate caught up with Champlain in 1615, when

he was seriously wounded fighting the Onondagas in a poorly planned attack.

Champlain began to focus on building Quebec City and other French settlements, spending less time and effort on exploration and confrontation. He also became more active in administration and keeping the peace between the warring factions of the Indian Nations. But, as the fur trade grew for the French, so did the threat against the Iroquois. Finally, in 1620, Champlain made a peace treaty with the Iroquois.

The French and English went to war against each other in 1628. Under the direction of Charles I of England, all French merchant ships in North America were to be boarded and their supplies confiscated. The edict applied to French Canadian colonies, as well.

When Champlain was issued a proclamation to surrender, he refused, saying that he had enough powder and ammunition to prevent the English from capturing Quebec City. The bluff worked, and the English retreated.

Unfortunately for Champlain, his supply ship was intercepted, leaving his fellow citizens with no supplies for the winter. To survive, his people divided into small groups and moved to Indian winter camps. With little help to maintain Quebec City, Champlain was forced to hand over the city to the English.

In 1633, Champlain was able to return to Quebec, the city he built, as Lieutenant General of New France. This didn't sit well with him because, as governor, he had been more hands-on with his fellow countrymen and the Indians. Like any good Frenchman, he kept his post until his death on Christmas Day, 1635.

Even though Champlain had forged a



*Above, you see a harquebus, the weapon popular in Champlain's time. Below it is a drawing of the explorer himself.*

treaty with the Iroquois, the war between France and England changed the political and economic climate of the area. The Iroquois were more concerned with their place, wanting to continue dominating the fur trade. Slowly, they began to strengthen their confederacy.

By 1640, the Iroquois had obtained significant numbers of weapons and advanced skill in their use through their trade with the Dutch and English. They begin launching campaigns against the French and their allies. Their intent was not to exterminate the French but to regain Iroquois control of the fur trade as the middleman for the European trade market.

However, this would bring the area into a long drawn-out conflict for years to come – a conflict known as The Beaver Wars.

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that families were cutting their contributions toward college saving plans.

As our state continues to struggle, young adults suffer with increased tuition and dropped classes. When Ryan enrolled at Long Beach State, there were 60,000 applicants, from which only 4,000 were accepted.

Ryan is pursuing a Film Degree and is working very hard towards acceptance into the Program, which currently accepts 50 students at a time only. During Ryan's freshman year, he made the Dean's List for his first semester grades and the President's List for the second semester. We are very proud of Ryan, and the Tribe can be, too.

Ryan will put your contributions to good use, and continue to strive for excellence.

My sincere gratitude goes out to CPN for their support. Many thanks from the Neddeau family. (Ryan's grandfather is Don Neddeau.)

Gary E. Neddeau

Ryan P. Neddeau

Dear Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the extremely generous tuition gift of \$1,500. This gift has greatly helped enable me to manage the tuition debt I am sure to accumulate while in grad school.

I am very proud to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

With deep gratitude,

Lourri Jones

Morrison, Colorado

To Whom it may Concern:

I would like to thank Tribal Rolls and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for helping to fund my college education. I could not afford it without your help and could never thank you enough!

Sincerely,

Lauren McKown

East Lansing, Michigan

To Whom it may Concern:

Thank you for contributing to award me a scholarship from your program. I can't tell you how much these scholarships have meant to me.

I was worried that I would not be able to pay for pharmacy school if I have to take out expensive loans. But, with this program and the people who have awarded me the scholarships, I am on my way to



## Answering the Call

### Citizen Potawatomi Nation Firelodge and Family Services

We are looking for foster and adoptive parents for our Potawatomi children. You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent. There are many children in our tribe's care who would love to put up with you. If your family is interested please contact the Indian Child Welfare Department at 405-878-4831 and ask for Darla Ham or Laurie Clark



becoming a pharmacist. I am so grateful to be able to have this opportunity that was made available. Thank you.

Caroline Burnett  
Southwestern (Okla.) State University  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

*Dillon Gardner, con't from page 10*



2010-11. That means that repeating their undefeated season will become much more difficult considering the highly competitive nature of Oklahoma High School athletic programs at all levels and the fact that SHS will have one of the smallest student enrollments among the 32 Class 6A schools.

With this new level of challenge, the Wolves are committed to meeting next year's task with the return of players like Dillon Gardner.

Wearing uniform number 30, Dillon is an outside linebacker on defense and a tight end on offense. He also helps with the special teams chores for the Wolves.

Track and field is also something that interests this young Citizen Potawatomi athlete. He will be trying to make the running team this year for Shawnee High School.

In addition to his participation in athletics, he is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Dillon also attends church regularly with his family at Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee. Fueled by ambition and despite being only a sophomore, Dillon has aspirations of propelling his academic and athletic career to new heights through higher education at the Oklahoma State University. There he intends to study engineering. In his sophomore high school year, Dillon is taking mostly Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Shawnee High School to help further his academic goals.

In addition to education and athletics, Dillon is actively engaged in pursuing more knowledge about his cultural heritage. Of being Citizen Potawatomi, he says, "I am proud of my heritage." He is a descendant of the Potawatomi Nation's Beaubien family, and regularly attends cultural events held by the CPN, such as the Annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival.

## APPLICATION FOR FILING - Tribal Vice Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

My CPN Tribal Roll Number \_\_\_\_\_

A filing fee of one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) by guaranteed check (such as cashier's or official bank check) must be received along with your filing and must be payable to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. ***A copy of candidate's current driver's license, a copy of a current utility bill, and a copy of the prospective candidate's tribal membership card must also accompany this filing form.***

## AFFIDAVIT AND DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for Tribal Vice Chairman. In support of the declaration, I submit the affidavit below.

The undersigned, after being duly sworn, does hereby state under oath that: 1. I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. 2. My date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_. 3. My SSN is \_\_\_\_\_. 4. My place of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_. 5. I am presently residing and may receive mail at the following address: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_. 5. I have resided within Oklahoma continuously for the past six months. 6. I have never been convicted of a felony. 7. I have never been found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or any other Indian Tribe. 8. I have never been impeached or recalled from office by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. 9. (Optional) I hereby specify that the following nickname may be placed on the ballot alongside my true name: \_\_\_\_\_. I affirm that I am known by that nickname, am not using it for any purpose other than accurately identifying myself, and that this name is not identical or substantially similar to the name or nickname of another candidate.

I hereby consent to the publication of background information of record available from the National Crime Information Center and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court plus tribal employment history relating to my personal behavior that has been addressed by formal disciplinary action for misconduct or dishonesty. I will have the right to simultaneously publish a sworn statement of explanation accompanying this information containing no names of present or previous tribal employees. No information that can be used for identity theft will be published.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate for elected tribal office with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, certify, affirm, and attest, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I do not hold membership in any other Indian tribe or nation and
  2. I have not accepted land or money benefits from another Indian tribe or nation after August 16, 2007.
- Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the information submitted on this form is true and correct.

**FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's name, typed or printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Notary \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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The Circle of Honor Award recognizes a Native CDFI that strives to increase capital and access to financial resources in Native communities by developing innovative loan products, technical assistance services, and overcoming challenges. This year's winner of the Circle of Honor Award was Cook Inlet Lending Center (CILC), a housing CDFI located in Anchorage, Alaska. CILC's mission is to promote community and economic development throughout south central Alaska by the provision of lending services and products; and increased access to credit markets, particularly for low and moderate-income



families, individuals, and minorities. Its primary services include second mortgages, down payment assistance, and financial counseling. CILC serves all residents of the Cook Inlet Region, but 80% of their clients are Alaska Natives or Native Americans.

Selected from a highly competitive group of Native CDFI nominees, CILC received the Circle of Honor award for demonstrating strong financial performance, developing strong partnerships, maintaining a diversification of funding sources, and significantly impacting their market. Carol Gore leads CILC.

“Cook Inlet Lending Center and Kristi Coker are two examples of perseverance, determination, and success in the Native CDFI industry,” said Tracey Fischer, President and CEO of Oweesta. “They serve as inspiration to their peers as many other Native organizations across the country are following in their path to empower their communities and develop self-sufficient thriving economies.”

“Native CDFIs are doing remarkable work under incredibly challenging circumstances. Cook Inlet Lending Center and Kristi Coker represent the best of the best in these challenging times,” said Opportunity Finance Network President and CEO Mark Pinsky. “Lending and development opportunities in Indian Country are still limited and we applaud the vital work of Native CDFIs in offering access to capital.”

The awards ceremony capped off the pre-conference Native Gathering, an opening event to the week-long 25th Annual OFN Conference where Native economic development practitioners and tribal representatives from across the country joined hundreds of other opportunity finance experts to share and learn about new ideas, strategies for change, and innovations from the field.

For more information on the awardees, please visit their websites at [www.cookinlethousing.org](http://www.cookinlethousing.org) and [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org).

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*Chairman Barrett, Lt. Gov. Askins, Rep. Jett speak*

## CPN sponsors “Domestic Violence Awareness” Month event

With Oklahoma Lt. Governor Jari Askins, State Rep. Shane Jett (Rep.-Tecumseh), and Shawnee Mayor Linda Peterson on-hand and lending their support, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Domestic Violence Prevention program recently celebrated its work and accomplishments. The event was held on Saturday, October 24 at Shawnee Mall, to observe commemoration of October as “Domestic Violence Month” across the U.S.A.

While recognizing that family-based violence remains a devastating problem in Indian Country, CPN leaders pointed to successes along the way.

Reading from a CPN legislative resolution naming October “Domestic Violence Month” for the Nation, Chairman John ‘Rocky’ Barrett called on all in the community to become involved. “Domestic Violence is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement of people throughout the community,” Chairman Barrett said.

“Homes should be places of safety and comfort,” he added, “yet many children suffer or witness abuse in their homes, which spawns legacies of violence in families.”

Lt. Gov. Askins recognized the value of the event in spreading knowledge of the extent of the problem and the methods for dealing with it. “That’s what this awareness campaign is about, making sure that more of our citizens, more of our neighbors, more of our families understand that, when we work together, we can provide the resources that will help address some of the underlying issues that lead to family violence,” she told the audience.

Askins said that Oklahoma’s Child Death Review Board and Domestic Violence Review Board, which she helped set up as a state legislator, are “charged with looking at the causes and the cases that lead to a domestic violence homicide.”

From these boards very first reports, Askins said, it was obvious that “the perpetrators of those domestic violence deaths most often came into contact with the court long before a domestic violence (arose).” The reports also indicated that those early criminal justice contacts were the result of abuse of alcohol and other illegal sub-



*CPN Chairman John ‘Rocky’ Barrett and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins spoke at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month event hosted by the Nation’s Domestic Violence Prevention program.*



stances. The lesson, Askins believes, is that it is “very clear that, if we could invest our time and our resources into addressing issues of alcohol and substance abuse in our communities, I can promise you we would help reduce the number of acts of domestic violence that occur.”

Rep. Jett urged openness about domestic violence as a tool in diminishing its occurrence and impact: “Don’t be ashamed to say, ‘I think there is a problem.’ Don’t be ashamed to say, ‘We need to reach out and help each other in early detection and courage to point out a problem.’”

In presenting her own Shawnee City Commission-approved resolution, Mayor Peterson acknowledged the seemingly overwhelming occurrence of domestic violence across the United States. “An estimated 1.3 million women ... are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year,” she said. “Intimate-partner violence remains one of the most prevalent and underreported crimes in our nation today.”

The event also featured: a Halloween costume contest for youngsters who attended; presentation of plaques to CPN, Shawnee, and area county law enforce-

ment officers who have distinguished themselves through efforts in domestic violence prevention and investigation work; and presence of the domestic violence victim silhouettes. The latter are red cutouts representing women, children, and law enforcement officers who have died as a result of domestic violence.



*Leslie Deer (Muscogee Creek), an employee in the CPN’s Job Pride Department, danced at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in regalia she made.*



*Rep. Shane Jett, above, spoke at the Domestic Violence Month event while Kateri Phillips, below, won the Halloween costume contest.*



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